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# BOYS WILL BE BOYS

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TIM JONES

# BOYISH CHARM

**S**nips and snails and puppy dog tails.  
That's what little boys are made of.

There's a little boy in all of us. That little boy is a vital part of our personality. Sometimes he brings out our best and we become mom's darling little angels. There are times, though, that he gets the worst of us and we put Dennis the Menace to shame.

That little boy only begins to scratch the surface of the diversity among the 813 students at St. Francis. Those little boys, with their good and their bad, make St. Francis what it is — a school vibrating with the energy to become more than just good. Those little boys allow St. Francis to become the best.

That little boy encourages us to participate in wholesome games, games that both foster and uphold the reputation, like intramural football.

But we can still have fun. Especially on a hot fall day, when the pouring rain is welcome. Despite the muddy, puddle-drenched field, the players still have fun. And when the contest is over, those mud-covered bodies stop to shoot the breeze. They talk about the good times they've had and how they didn't even have to get in trouble to enjoy themselves.

But as we all know, a rose always lies between two thorns — two thorns that sometime jeopardize a reputation that reaches outside of this student body and encompasses the 22,000+ men who have made St. Francis what it is in its 31-year history.

If we examine those thorns more closely, though, we see that they're not thorns at all, but rather the horns of a mischievous little boy who could be the identical twin of mom's darling little angel if it weren't for those troublesome horns.

This little boy shows himself when we have fun doing nasty things. So what if they aren't always nice ... they're fun.

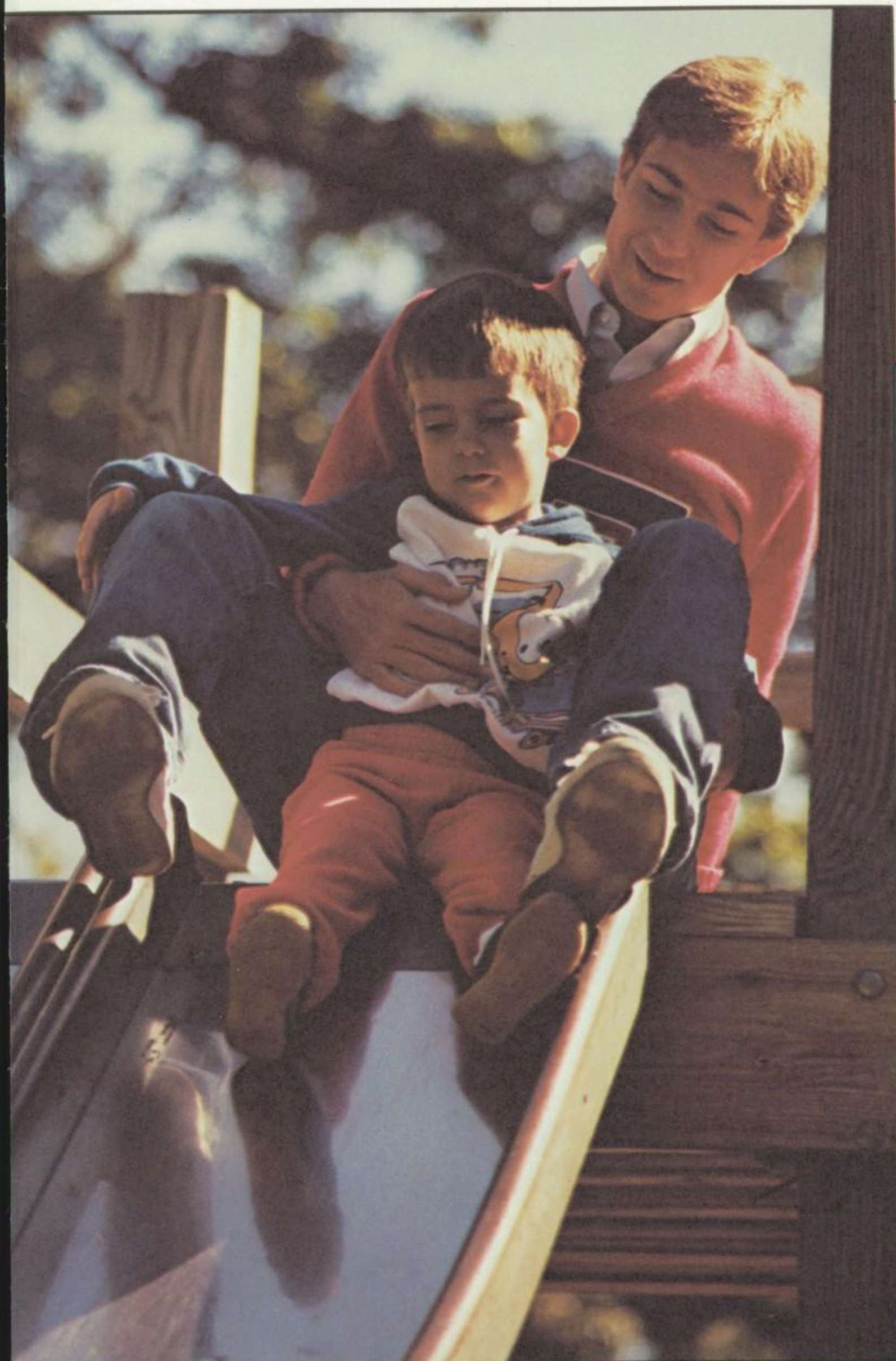
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*"I Can  
Do It  
Myself!"*

With the mischievous enthusiasm characteristic of little boys, Todd Welch takes on an Ottawa Park slide under the watchful eye of his older brother, Tim. The straightforward innocence of childhood is the strongest reminder to everyone that there really is a way around everything.  
Photo by  
Chris Fischer.

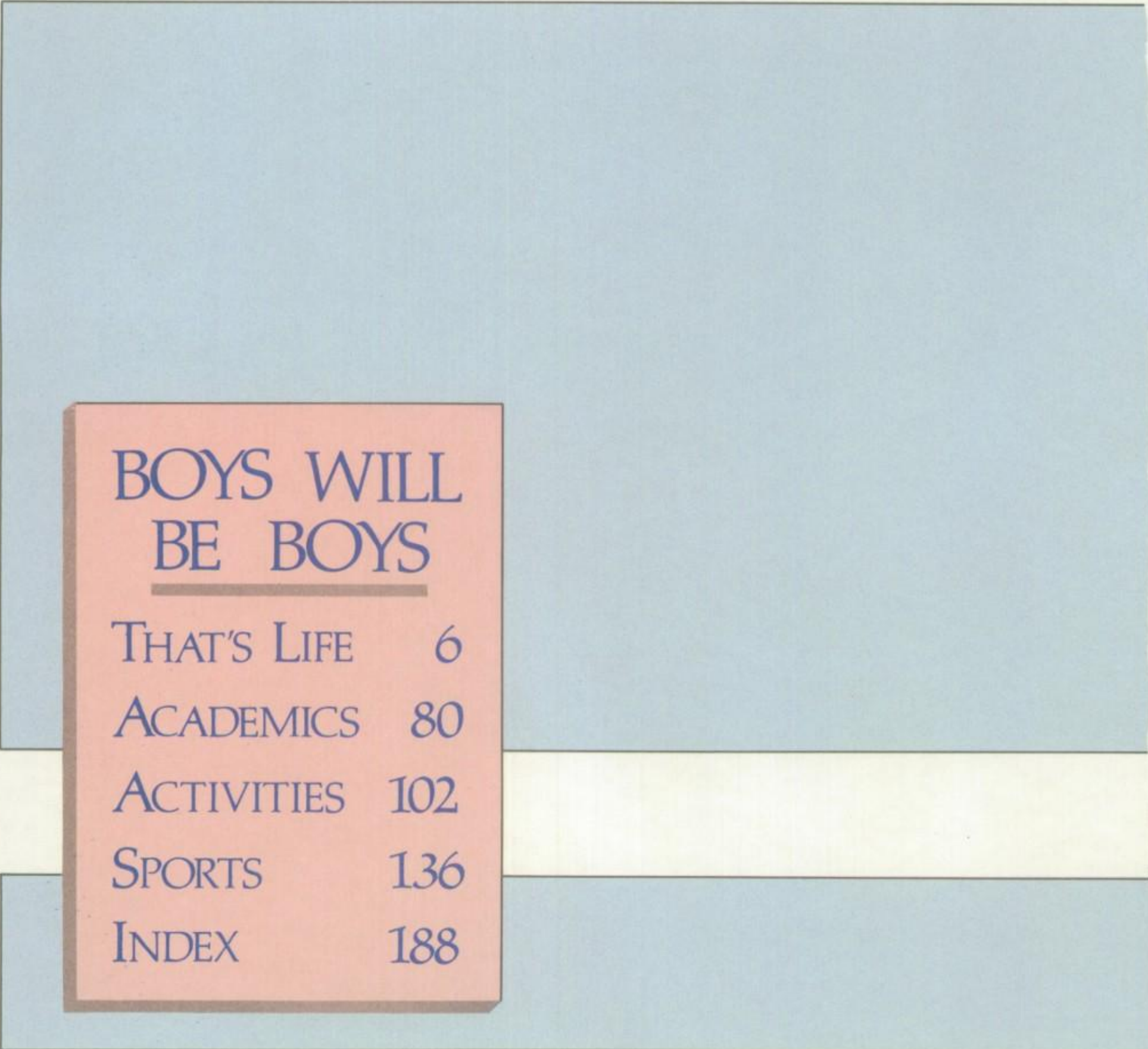
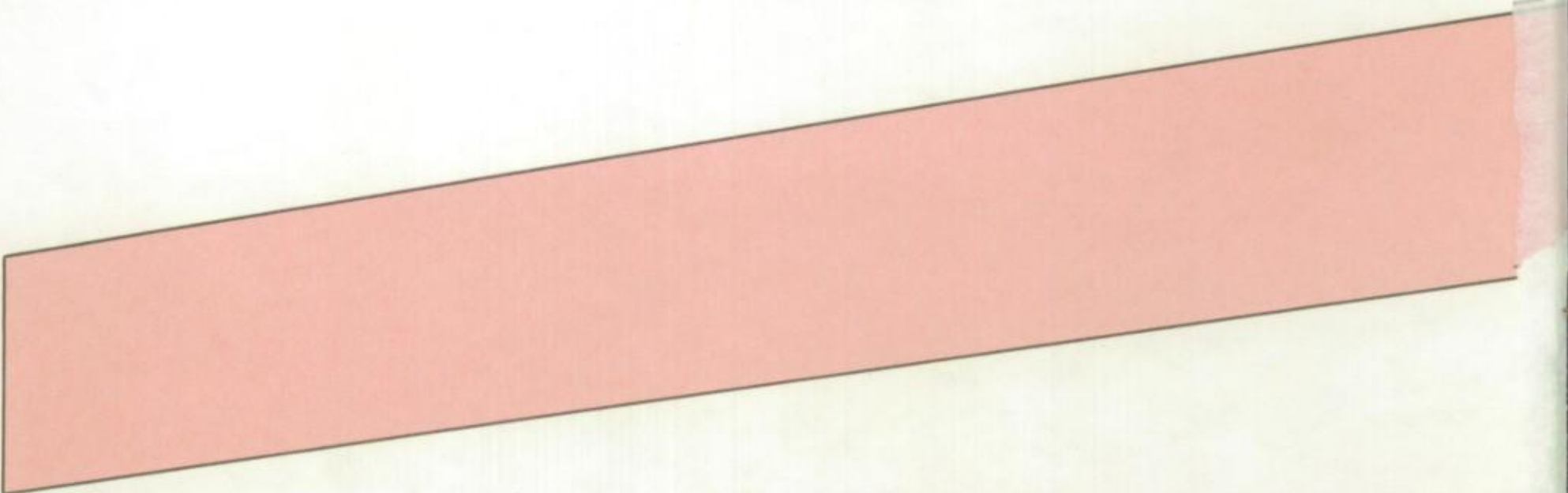




## "Look Out World, Here I Come!"

The helpful hand of experience senior Tim Welch offers his three-year-old brother, Todd, may initially appear insignificant, but the everyday triumphs they offer a little boy are the experiences that help that child become a man. For Tim, "watching Todd grow up and teaching him the little things, like helping him learn to ride a bike and get dressed, are awesome. There's nothing better than to be looked up to by your younger brother." Photos by Chris Fischer.





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## Gotcha!

Grinning at the devilish revenge he plans for SUA junior Margie Stoll, senior Dave Kozar retaliates for being splashed with a bucket of cold water. Obnoxiously mischievous boys seldom had trouble finding naive, unsuspecting girls to prey on. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# THE NEEDED LEVERAGE

**T**he old gang. The grade school horror stories. The good old days.

Life began at 2:30 as the nuns opened the doors and the world was at our beck and call.

How can anyone forget those simple, easy, unpretentious days? There was an overwhelming sense of accomplishment that went with tying our shoes by *ourselves* and earning our *own* money shoveling snow and pulling weeds. There was also the obstinate defiance of watching cartoons, *Kung Fu*, and *The Brady Bunch* instead of memorizing the 20 spelling words for Thursday's test.

There were pick-up basketball games on the same asphalt playground that, three hours earlier, we were caught stealing those dumb girls' silly jump rope.

There were leaf fights after the Saturday afternoon football games.

There were snow forts and freeze tag, Hide-and-Seek and Ding-Dong-Ditch.

There was the embarrassment of getting spanked in front of the entire lunch room for letting the fourth grade girls kiss on the playground. There was also the revenge of pulling pigtails when those stupid girls tattled.

Those were the days. Life was a time for dreaming, hoping, getting wrapped up in all those wonderful delusions of grandeur.

Someday...

The names and faces have changed, but that's about all. There's still the gang and there's still the drive to have all the fun any afternoon can hold.

The "goofy, little boy days" are gone. We're high school kids now. We grew up. We're mature. No one has time for that silly kid stuff anymore.

If you don't believe it, just take a look at all those mature things we did.







## A Helpful Hand.

Hands raised in support of the hungry and homeless, Mrs. Sue Lever joins with her daughter, Laura, and Mrs. Don Murad in the Hands Across America campaign. For Mrs. Lever, the highlight of the day was "asking the mean-looking security guards to get out of their cars and join us. And they did! It was fantastic."

Mrs. Lever's involvement was just one way members of the Knight family extended themselves to those in need.  
Photo by  
Chris Fischer.



## Letting Loose.

Exuberant over their victory, the 1986 track team, led by graduate Paul Harmon, parades around St. John's track. The Knights destroyed Central, Cardinal Stritch, and St. John's in winning the Catholic Quad trophy. Teamwork was the foundation to a second place District finish. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## Raise Your Hands When You're Sure.

With a burst of enthusiasm, senior Doug Kasubski lets classmate Jim Gibbons know his pleasure in the Knights' first quarter lead over Scott in the 1986 District Championship basketball game. Despite the students' support and the teams' best efforts, St. Francis lost, 68-52. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## The Winning Touch.

Accepting the prize for winning the women faculty's free throw contest, Mrs. Toni O'Connor, with help from Mrs. Fran O'Neal, adjusts Doc's Dawgs' honorary team jersey. Mrs. O'Connor spent the evening before the event practicing in her backyard. That little extra effort made the Knights #1 in all they did. Photo by Scott Sadowski.







# DOGGED

## 'EM ALL

**W**e sacrificed an hour of sleep to play intramural basketball at 7:45 AM.

We risked pneumonia as we put common sense aside and went bare-chested in 30 degree weather to show Central just how determined we were to bring the Irish Knight home.

There were parties that were inevitably broken up hours earlier than expected because a few irate neighbors decided their sleep was more important than our pleasure.

There was the zealousness of storming the new bleachers the afternoon they were dedicated, hoping they'd collapse under the force of the juniors' and seniors' fanatical enthusiasm.

There was the joy of rocking the riverfront the evening of August 1 with a tremendously overcrowded Rally by the River.

There was the abandonment of skateboarding in the halls, the freedom of all-night ski trips, the obnoxiousness of neighborhood TP jobs that snowballed into grand adventures, the juvenile immaturity of midnight trips to the mausoleum, and the apprehension of the first date with that babe from St. Ursula.

Life couldn't possibly get any better. It was a time for dreaming. Those dreams were shaped by a slightly more structured reality, but they were dreams nonetheless.

We were boys. We were motivated by the thrill growing up presented and enticed by the security of childhood, safely tucked away from the evils of the world with a big, strong dad always overhead, protecting us from any harm whatsoever.

We were boys. We got in trouble and we used that boyish charm to wiggle our way out of those tight spots.

We were boys and we wouldn't have traded any of it for anything. After all, we didn't have to be perfect. We could screw up and have the perfect excuse.

We were boys and boys will be boys.



# A POWERFUL DISPLAY

**"M**y, how you've grown."  
That was to be expected.

Wasn't it?

We experienced. We learned. We grew. It was inevitable.

No matter how hard we tried to remain the innocent little boy we had been, we couldn't stop ourselves from maturing. The body changed, the environment changed, and relationships changed. We were overwhelmed with new experiences.

Experiences. That was what did it. We went out, and whether it was good or bad, we were no longer that little boy.

Everywhere we turned, from teen night clubs to the new weight room, from our first day on a new job to that initial sailboard ride, the ladder was before us, offering rungs to climb.

Boy, did we have fun in the process. The Rally by the River, just one of hundreds of weekend bashes, was one example of how we reached down to lower levels of the ladder to party our hearts out.

There was the Homecoming extravaganza. Spirit Week, the rally, car decorations, the parade, the game and post-victory celebrations, the dance, and the liturgy combined to offer 45 hours of uncontrollable exuberance.

Prom, Student Council dances, and the Notre Dame Christmas Dance were nothing to sneeze at, either. They all possessed unique situations that we were challenged to accept, enjoy, and relish.

There were road trips to Columbus and Canton. The freedom of getting out from under mom and dad's stifling restraints set students free to play by their own rules.

Don't misunderstand, though. There was more to life than partying. There were tobagganing excursions and meeting girls, ski weekends and meeting girls, pep rallies and meeting girls, basketball games and meeting girls, and Funarama and meeting girls.

Oh, the joys of being a boy.







### A Long Shot.

Lining her putt up on the 18th hole, St. Ursula sophomore Jenny Carson listens to words of encouragement from juniors Marty Bihn, Joe Weisenburger, Tom Simon, and Lake senior Steve Bihn. These five retired to the greens of the Monroe Street Putt-Putt after the 1986 Freshman/Sophomore Dance. Restricted only by their imaginations, students found recreation everywhere from malls to movies to Pizza Huts. Photo by Chris Fischer.

### Let the Good Times Roll.

With an all-out effort to do an excellent job, senior Mark Wenrick applies the finishing touches to the van that carried him from the school's parking lot to the Glass Bowl's front gate. The novelty and excitement of decorating a tricycle for the neighborhood parade gave way to the rowdy anticipation and exuberant joy of Homecoming weekend. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



They were rebels with a cause. They were in search of

# The Ultimate HIGH

**I**t's more than a sport.  
It's more than a passing fad.

It's more than a hobby.  
It's all those and *more*.  
It's a way of life.  
It's skateboarding.

They refer to themselves as thrashers and they tend to flock together. They have a style all their own — their clothes, weird colored shorts and patterned clamdiggers; their hair, usually short in the back and long in front; their music, punk rock bands like The Dead Kennedy's and The Misfits; and their attitudes all reflect one of the newest and most re-

markable crazes to sweep the nation since The Beatles crossed the Atlantic.

Although not new to the United States, skateboarding is relatively recent to Northwest Ohio.

With the complex aerodynamic equipment on the market, skateboarding has become respectable and the pastime is growing rapidly.

Dave Pheatt, a 1984 graduate, has been skating since the late 70s. By no means an old man, Dave is grateful "that all those young kids are taking

the sport up."

Skateboarding maneuvers are executed from a ramp, a halfpipe, or the street. Ramp performances are the most exciting to watch. The number of tricks and stunts is limited only by the imagination. Street shows come in a distant second.

Street performances far outnumber ramp maneuvers, however, simply because of the shortage of adequate ramps. To avoid traveling to Woodville, skaters learned to make due with what was available. As a result, the smooth asphalt or con-

crete of parking garages and shopping mall lots became the arena in which skaters demonstrated their acrobatic abilities.

Senior Tim Demsey became quickly addicted to the thrill of skating. "There's nothing, almost nothing else, that feels as good as flying on your board."

Skating is not a passing fad, but a permanent pastime. "It will last forever," said senior Steve Drager. "People will be riding them [skateboards] in four years the way people ride bikes today." □

— Scot Mullane



Paul Adams  
Brian Aldrich  
Daniel Alford  
Lance Allen  
David Aman  
Paul Antkowiak







#### JUST SCRATCHING THE SURFACE.

In his first attempt at the newest fad, senior Brian Sagert attempts to polish off a frontside fakie air. Novices like Brian found out quickly that one wrong move would result in wood-burned elbows and knees. Photo by Scot Mullane.



#### TAKIN' IT UP.

After successfully executing a backside finger flip to a Gestapo, senior Tim Demsey braces himself in an attempt to soften the impact of a forceful landing. Tim found that skateboarding took "a lot of skill and balance." Photo by Scot Mullane.

#### HEAD OVER HEELS.

Reaching for the sky, senior Josh Harman pulls off a fully controlled sadplant invert to a fakie. Josh enjoyed showing off his skills at the ramp he and seniors Tim Demsey and Matt Casey built on the Casey family farm. Photo by Scot Mullane.



Paul Aubry  
Calvin Banks III  
David Barret  
Tim Bartalsky  
Chris Behan  
Jeffrey Beres



Craig Bickle



David Bodner



Michael Boratyn



James Brancheau



Kenneth Brown



Terry Brown





Skiing. Surfing. Sailing. Swimming. It makes no difference. Enjoying water was simple. You just put on those skis and life jacket and

# Get Ready for the **BIG SPLASH**

**W**ater. Everyone needed it. A great majority loved its possibilities — skiing, tubing, relaxing, boating. A few were a bit nervous around a body of it, fearing the possibility of drowning. But like it or loathe it, everyone had to get their feet wet a bit.

For freshmen, their baptism in the Swamp ended with the quarter mile swim. It wasn't anything too tough. It **BLOWN AWAY!**

Enjoying a half-hour break from a full afternoon of work, senior Chris Carper struggles to maintain control of an uncooperative sailboard. Senior Chuck Day introduced 11 of the *Boys Will Be Boys* editors to the thrill of sailboarding at the August 22 theme development meeting at senior Tim Welch's cottage on Posey Lake. Photo by Chris Fischer.

involved practicing the basic strokes and building up a little endurance. A few even dogpaddled the laps.

For juniors, it wasn't so easy. Their physical education requirement was the Advanced Life-saving program developed by the American Red Cross. Students were required to possess a good working knowledge of strokes, rescue equipment, swimming assists, escapes, and rescues.

Above and beyond that was the mile swim. Although the Red Cross only required 500 yards, Mr. Wolff wanted to build the student's endurance. It took an entire class period and wasn't easy for most, unless you convinced your partner to count laps by threes.

There was also an optional class for sen-

iors entitled "Water Safety Instructor." Developed by the American Red Cross, WSI enabled the student to teach swimming lessons at any level as well as the Advanced Life-saving program. It was not for the mediocre swimmer.

All these classes better prepared one for what most loved about water — recreation. A growing number of student's families owned summer cottages. Part of the dread of late August was having to leave paradise [Lake Erie, Devil's Lake, Lake Vineyard, Posey Lake] and return to the real world.

And what was it that made these oases cause a flood of melancholy in the winter? For senior Dave Bodner, it was sailing on the family's 22-foot Catalina. "Sail-

ing gave me a natural high and the opportunity to get away from it all." For senior Doug Heerdegen, skiing "was a great way to show off to people on shore. It gave me a sense of accomplishment, especially when I didn't wipe out."

For those year-long city dwellers, there were lazy days of neighborhood pools and quarries. Although they lacked fishing and hydro-sliding possibilities, pools appealed to those who wanted nothing more than a simple swim and a little recreation. Beyond that, noted junior Eric Aschmeier, "it gave me a chance to observe and get to know people of the female persuasion."

Boys will be boys. There was no way getting around that. □

— Brad Hecht and Mark Thrun



## GIVE IT BACK.

Denied the pleasure of the sailboard, senior Scot Mullane seizes the opportunity classmate Chris Carper's mishap presents. Scot, an avid water sports fan, enjoyed water polo the best. "You can get in the water and beat the crap out of people," Scot explained, "and the worst that can happen is they'll kick you out of the game." Photo by Chris Fischer.



Ronald Bruce  
Christopher Brucker  
Eric Buczkowski  
William Burdue



Scott Campbell  
Christopher Carper  
Matthew Casey  
Bryan Chojnacki



Robert Claypool  
Todd Clear  
Christopher Cody  
Peter Cole



Terry Colling  
Patrick Collins  
Brandon Comes  
Eric Coombs



Christopher Daiber  
Michael Damas  
Charles Day  
Michael DeBacker



C. David DeBenedetti  
Mark Delo  
Timothy Demsey  
James Dettinger







Students took advantage of Old Man Winter's fury to pull the old sled down from the attic and go

# SLIP SLIDING Away

**I**magine yourself poised on a mountain-side, a steep slope dropping sharply before you. Armed with poles and skis, you're ready to accept the challenge. You hesitate only long enough to take in the view before you're off and running.

Concentrating intently on the course, you feel and hear the wind whipping your face. Zig-zagging first to the right, over a mogul, then back to the left, you traverse the run with the skill of an expert. The adrenaline

pulsing through your body, you reach the bottom of the hill in record time.

Place yourself in a snowy countryside with a pack of camping gear on your back, step sliding down a wooded trail. Behind you are the two narrow grooves left by the thin tread of your cross country skis. Moving almost effortlessly, you smile, satisfied that with each step taken, you're improving your cardiovascular system.

Around noon, you pause for a light lunch atop a knoll overlooking an icy pond. The

smoke from your small fire is laden with the heavy scent of pine. You relax and watch a group of skaters take on the ice.

Located in the center of the snow belt, Ohio and Michigan were ideal for winter sporting activities.

An avid skier, junior Dave Russell was enthusiastic. "Skiing is exciting and challenging," he said. "Terrifying slopes. Snow bunnies. It's all so great!"

Senior Chuck Day agreed, suggesting that both cross country and downhill skiing were "exhilarating as well as good exercise."

Don't sit at home in front of that nice warm fire this next winter. Get out in the cold, the snow, the ice, and the wind and accept the challenge winter sports offer. □

— Richard VanLandingham

## ON THE RIGHT TRACK.

Cold but still energetic, freshman Matt Chojnacki trudges through Ottawa Park on the skis he received for Christmas. Students enjoyed cross country skiing because it was a fun way to enjoy the snow and a practical way to get exercise. Photo by Bill McFerron.

## A LONG RIDE.

Enjoying a relaxing moment on the ski lift's upward climb, seniors Chuck Day and Kevin O'Brien recuperate for their next run down Mt. Christie. The six hour ride to Holiday Valley marked the farther distance the Ski Club traveled. Photos by Scot Mullane.



## IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN.

Attempting to regain his stance, senior Kevin O'Brien loses his balance and rolls down Mt. Mardi Gras.



When push came to shove, most freshmen chose their high school on their

# FIRST

## Impressions

**T**he final frontier. The last hurrah. The long goodbye.

All are phrases that describe the senior year of high school. But just what does it mean to be a senior?

"You know you finally reached the ultimate high school goal. We finally rule the school! I'm going to make this a *very* special year," said senior Brad Hecht.

Your answer to this question may differ from Brad's, but one thing is certain. The senior year is the most important of your high school career.

Ordinary things take

on new meanings. Morning conversations with classmates include college applications, test scores, and future goals. Open and honest communication between teachers and students becomes more cherished. Deep, insightful questions take precedence. Special events take on added significance: the last St. John's football game, the last chance for another state championship, the final Homecoming and Prom.

The stereo, the lounge, and free periods are all symbols of the senior year. Their significance becomes clear. As an underclassman, you wondered

what the big deal about walking up the stairs in front of school was.

Now you realize, though, especially when overwhelmed with feelings of frustration and anger when some geek of an underclassman violates your privilege. You've waited four years to use the steps. So should every-

one else.

Thinking back.

"Hey, is that really me?" a senior asks as he spots his picture in the 1984 ACCOLADE.

"I'm afraid so," replies his best friends between laughs.

"We sure have changed."

"Yeah."

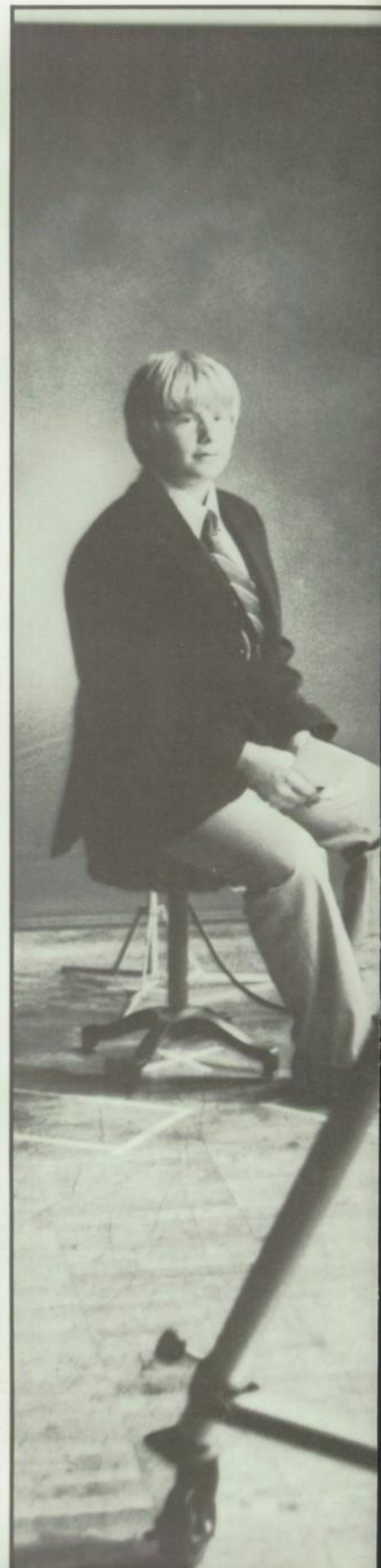
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### THE BEST OF TIMES.

Fighting the panic that sets in with most tryouts, then-freshmen Michael DeBacker wrestles with the lyrics to a One Knights' tune. As a senior, Mike remembers his freshman tryout as a nervous time. "I wasn't really sure of what to expect from the group," Mike said, "especially the upperclassmen." Photo by Tom Coats.

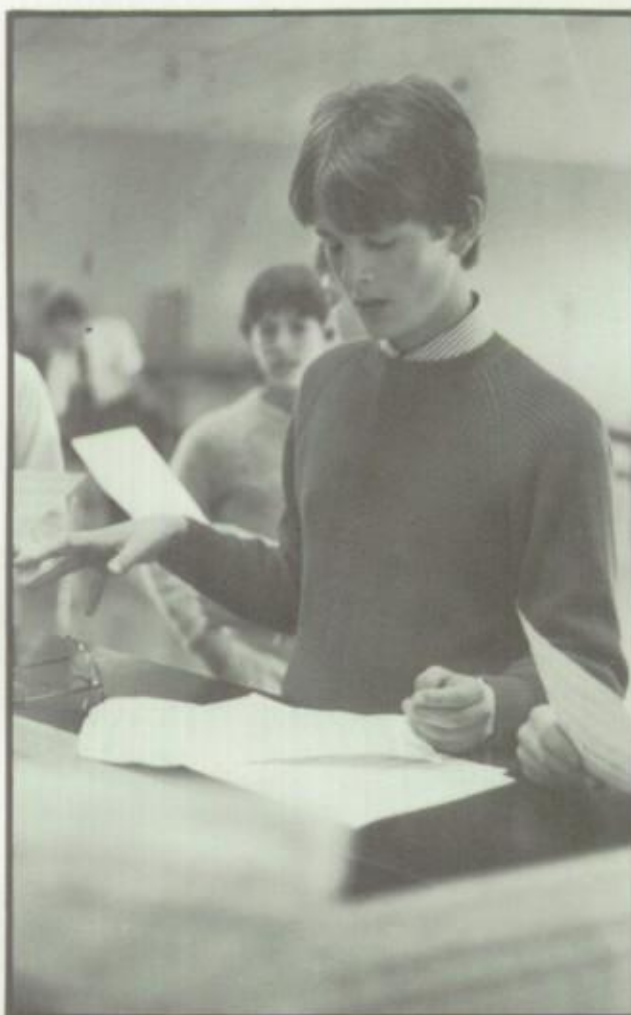
### PICTURE PERFECT.

Nervously awaiting the snapping of his yearbook portrait, then-freshman Paul Aubry posed with a stiff anxiety characteristic of overwhelmed freshmen. As a freshman, Paul was intimidated by seniors, only to learn through experience that they weren't as bad as all the horror stories to which he had been subjected. Photo by T. Coats.



## Growing UP is Hard to Do

Four years pass so quickly. Naive innocence develops into learned wisdom. The young boy playing laser tag transforms into a young man registering for the selective service. It is the inevitable process of growing up.







David DeWitt  
Christopher Diaz



Jason Dietsch  
John Dillon



Christopher DiSalle  
Steven Donovan



Steven Drager  
Daniel Duszynski



Christopher Eck  
David Eisinger



Brian Fuller  
James Fulop



Brian Furlong  
Jeffrey Garbe



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Shane Garrison



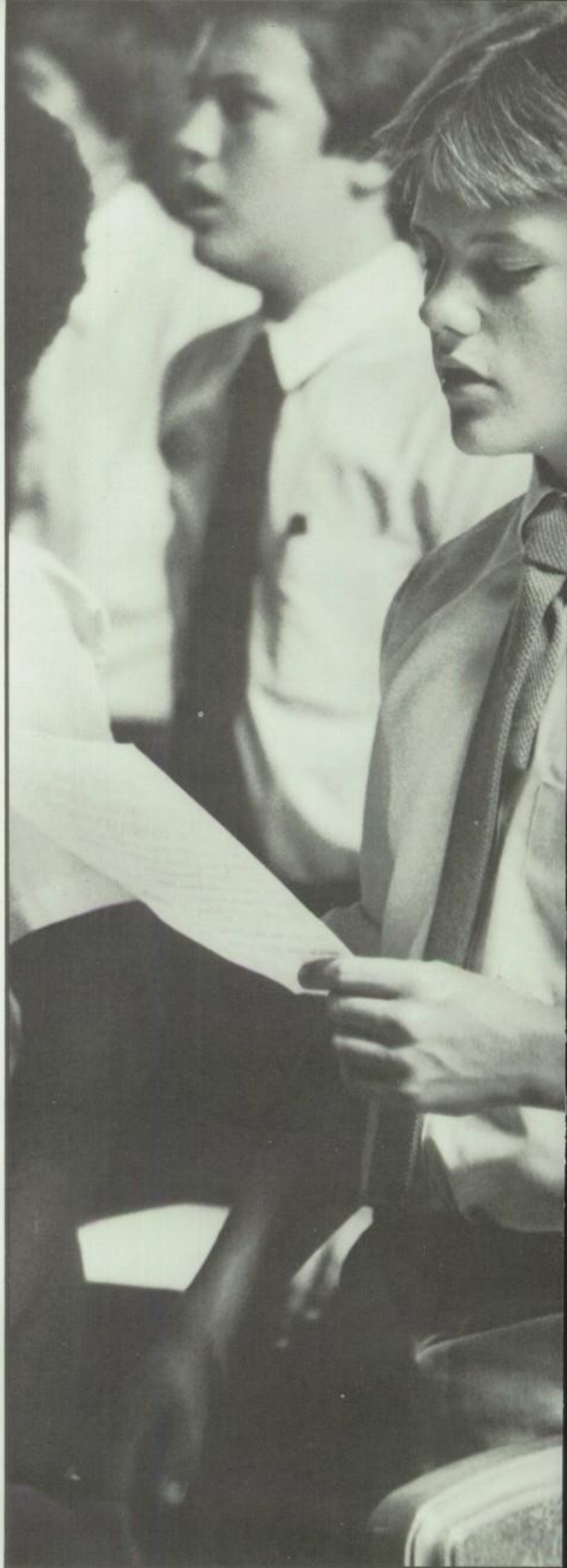
James Gibbons  
Howard Gilbert



Eric Glaser  
William Goodyear



James Gothier  
Michael Granata







#### DEJA VU.

In the midst of a nervous crowd of 13-year-olds, then-freshmen Scott Kwiatkowski, Cal Kynard, and Matt Langenderfer stand in line to make the first tuition payment. Registration was just the begin-

ning of what proved to be a very anxious time for freshmen. Cal admitted to being nervous at the time but has found SFS to be "great, not only because of my friends, but also because of the helpful faculty." Photo by Tom Coats.



Unwilling to subject themselves to the ridicule seniors wanted to impose, freshmen revolted. They were determined to

## Let Their VOICES Be Heard

**A**ometimes by yourself, but usually with others, you rehash old times. You reminisce about the Ring Mass, getting your driver's license, the football state championship game, Mrs. O'Neal's

#### SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE MAN.

Engulfed in the Gesu opening school liturgy, then-freshman Jay Lawniczak participates in his first school assembly. For Jay, St. Francis provided the chance "to grow, both as a person and as an athlete." Photo by Rob Holler.

stories, and the first New Testament Mega-Quiz.

"Those were the good old days."

"No, *these* are the good old days."

There's anticipation. And fear. The future lies ahead.

The seniors on the stairs start another discussion. Some are going away to college; others aren't. Some will major in business; others in communications, engineering, and medicine. Most say they'll get married, but not until they have their degree. The con-

versation drifts to having children, careers, homes, even growing old.

The bell rings and suddenly the group is jolted back to reality.

The reality that looms most heavily is graduation.

The tone of the voices around the lounge are filled with apprehensive excitement. Some wish they could do the senior year over again; others count the hours until it ends.

Despite the hours of reassuring conversation, some were in a

frenzy at the thought of college. Others were less concerned.

Regardless of their attitude, though, they share one thing — a bond of four years of commitment to one another and their school. They've developed from insecure and oft-intimidated freshmen to respectable, responsible men.

These years are an indelible part of life. They have truly defined in every sense what it meant to be a Knight of St. Francis de Sales.

They call it pride. □

— Greg Mitchell

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Responding to the invitation to show his support for the football team, then-freshman Andy Prior dons a spirit hat and buttons. Although he could have done without the piles of homework he

mulled over for two hours or so every night, Andy agreed that coming to St. Francis was a good choice. At the very least, "it gave me the chance to learn a lot about people." Photo by Tom Coats.



Jerron Gray  
Monty Griffin  
Robert Grycza  
Scott Hadley  
E. Joseph Hall  
Mark Harbaugh







"When I grow up, I want to be an astronaut," said Dreamer Johnny.  
 "When I get old, I'm going to be a pro football player," said Little Timmy.

Childhood fantasies were a little far-fetched, to say the least. With maturity, though, came the realization that fantasies were nothing more than unfulfilled dreams. Teenagers returned to that innocence of childhood, absorbed in the pleasure of living that perfect dream. They were forever

## In **SEARCH** of...

**A** freshman will wear an outrageous tie, shout a silly comment, or decorate his locker in an unusual

### A NEW FORMAT.

On a field trip to UT's Carlson Library for Mrs. Fran O'Neal's freshman English class, then-freshmen Dave Bodner, Paul Aubry, John Klear, and Mike Terpinski listen as Professor Robert McLean explains the library's physical layout. The educational opportunity field trips offered were just one of the many reasons students chose St. Francis. Seniors overwhelmingly agreed that they made a good choice in attending St. Francis. They've made friends, participated in sports events and spirit activities, and received excellent academic training. Photo by Tom Coats.

way and be at least laughed, if not run, out of the immediate area. "Dork!" yell the seniors.

A senior will wear the same tie, tell the same joke, or use the same picture in his locker and be considered cool. "Wow!" wonder the freshmen.

There is an obvious world of difference between freshmen and seniors, and the seniors will be the first to let you know. For example, seniors feel as if they run the school [although the faculty will tell you otherwise.]

"We're in charge here," claimed senior Tony Sanchez, "because we know the faculty and can influence them. We can say to Fr.

McHugh, 'Please re-schedule your Chemistry test to Wednesday. Mrs. Conrad and Doc Russo have both already piled on the work for tonight,' and he will."

"As seniors, we knew who to stay away from," added graduate Ken Kania. Seniors were able to sometimes schedule around teachers who they didn't like or who didn't like them. They also knew who they could talk with and who they couldn't.

Seniors also enjoyed the senior privileges, including the Lounge, the Steps, and free periods. Senior Dave Aman reported that, with a little creative scheduling, and just

the right amount of whining, "we could pretty much roam the halls all day."

Still, freshmen, apart from being completely lost, having no friends, and acting, in general, like naive geeks, enjoyed their first year of high school. "I'm still pretty much the same person I was freshman year," said senior Steve Donovan. "I haven't changed, and I don't think many people really do."

So maybe it is true that just the external circumstances change in these four years and that freshmen and seniors are part of the same group. Just don't tell a senior. □

— Scott Campbell



Joshua Harman  
 Karsten  
 Hartman  
 Bradley Hecht  
 Douglas  
 Heerden  
 Douglas Heldt  
 James  
 Helminiak



Life enticed students to take a

# Look into the Future

**R**ich man, poor man, beggar man, thief, doctor, lawyer, Indian chief.

At five years old, the possibilities were endless. You could be *anything* you wanted. You were limited only by your imagination.

At nine, dreams turned to the drama of fighting fires, the glory of catching the winning touchdown pass in the Super Bowl, and the glamour of Hollywood.

Junior Keith Neidermeier remembers wanting "to be a professional football player. My idol was Terry Bradshaw. I wanted to play for the Steelers."

Junior Mark Hayden also recalls wanting to be a sports hero. "I dreamed of being a professional basketball player. People used to call me Isaiah [Thomas]."

Sports figures were not the only role models. "I wanted to be

Bruce Lee," remembered junior Roy Flores. Dino Boraggino had hopes of "becoming a Hollywood stunt man."

It was the famous and dangerous that captured the imagination. At nine years old, we lived in a fantasy world.

Fantasy or not, some people are born to fill those occupations. Too many leave those dreams in the safety of childhood. Roy Flores decided to replace Bruce Lee with dreams of becoming a professional musician.

#### AN UPWARD CLIMB.

Secure that he will not be the victim of the random vandalism that necessitated Fr. Olszewski's parking lot patrol, senior Brad Hecht slides into his 1986 Dodge Daytona. Students' dreams of wealth included cars like Porsches, Monte Carlo SSES, and Corvettes as well as nice homes, maids, summer cottages, speed boats, yearly vacations to Hawaii, and trust funds for their children's college education. Photo by Chris Fischer.

On the other hand, there are some who respond to the harsh reality of contemporary society. Keith Neidermeier's goals have "become more realistic and more immediate. I think mostly about college; where I want to go; what I want to study." Dino Boraggino replaced the dangerous life of stunts with "going to college and getting into computers."

Sometimes they slip away to become a more realistic possibility.

Sometimes all they need is a little adjustment.

Sometimes that adjustment is more than you anticipated.

Sometimes they need a major overhaul.

Occasionally they fit perfectly and are well within your reach.

Radio personality Kasey Kasem has reached a healthy balance in the battle of staying true to personal goals. "Keep your feet on the ground and

keep reaching for the stars." In other words, don't lose touch with reality, but allow your dreams to become the spice of life.

Junior Doug Norris has attempted to incorporate this attitude into his approach to life. Doug's life ambition has been to fly in the Air Force. "Flying is total freedom," Doug said. "The air is yours."

The dream is there, but so are the means. A healthy mix of reality and fantasy. □

— Pat Rybarczyk

#### ON BROADWAY.

Leaning right as his partner moves left, junior Pete Ludlow and SUA senior Christie Anderson perform the *Hornpipe* in celebration of the sailor's return home. Pete's acting career began in fourth grade when he played Uncle Daniel in *Tobie Tyler*. His college plans include studying musical theater at Otterbein College. His ultimate dream is to play Joseph in a Broadway production of *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### CRASH THE BOARDS.

Playing air-tight defense, seniors Calvin Banks, Jeron Gray, and Bryan Parham rip down a rebound. All three athletes used their athletic talents as a ticket to college. Photo by Morgan Allen.







Maurice Henderson  
Thomas Hertzfeld  
Robert Hessler



John Hobbs III  
Eric Holmberg  
Michael Hood



John Hudson  
Roger Hullstrung  
Climmie Johnson



George Johnson  
Jesada Junkasem  
Donald Jurek



Richard Kaser  
Douglas Kasubski  
Jeffrey Kelley



Scott Kerin  
Keith Kipker  
John Klear



Their unparalleled commitment  
to one another provided the Knights with

# The Competitive Edge



**I**t's a law that teenagers must go to high school. For most, that was the only reason they went. Just doing enough was alright by *some*. But the Knights were not *some*. The Knights wanted to be the best, and they were. It may sound like one of those Coors beer commercials, but it was the truth.

It was not just truth. It was fact. Look at the stats. Over 95% of each graduating class went to a college of their choice. Over one-third of each class went to college with Advanced Placement credit. None graduated without having received a quality education.

Of course, that education was well-rounded. School had to be more than just book work. It involved an

athletic program second to none in this area. What other schools had earned state championships in wrestling, football, debate, basketball, and water polo and had been in tournament play in just about everything else?

Just as students gave to St. Francis, so St. Francis gave to its students. Collectively, it was the students themselves who gave St. Francis the long list of state championships and National Merit scholars. Behind every good team was a good coaching staff and behind every scholar was a great teacher. St. Francis had a good supply of both.

Teachers were not here because they had to be, but because they *wanted* to be. It was most certainly not the money. Nor was it the

occasional pat on the back. Nor was it the prestige. Prestige never put food on the table.

Behind those well-rounded students was the confident, but not cocky, belief that they were the best — win, lose, or draw. It was this self-confidence and self-respect that was the heart of St. Francis.

Everything else resulted from it. □

— Kevin Branyan  
and Scot Mullane

#### FOLLOW THE LEADER.

Executing the picture perfect play, sophomore Zeb Jackson (#32) accepts the ball from senior quarterback Brian Mruzek and prepares to follow the blocking of senior Monty Griffin. Being the best at St. Francis is more than just luck — it's a combination of several factors. For Brian, a two year starting quarterback, it centered around "the support the players gave each other." Photo by Chris Fischer.

Ted Kleparek  
Robert Klumm  
Curt Koslovsky  
Harold Kowalka  
David Kozar  
Dennis Krause

Daniel  
Krysztofiak  
Jeffrey Kujawa  
Nicholas Kurek  
D. Scott  
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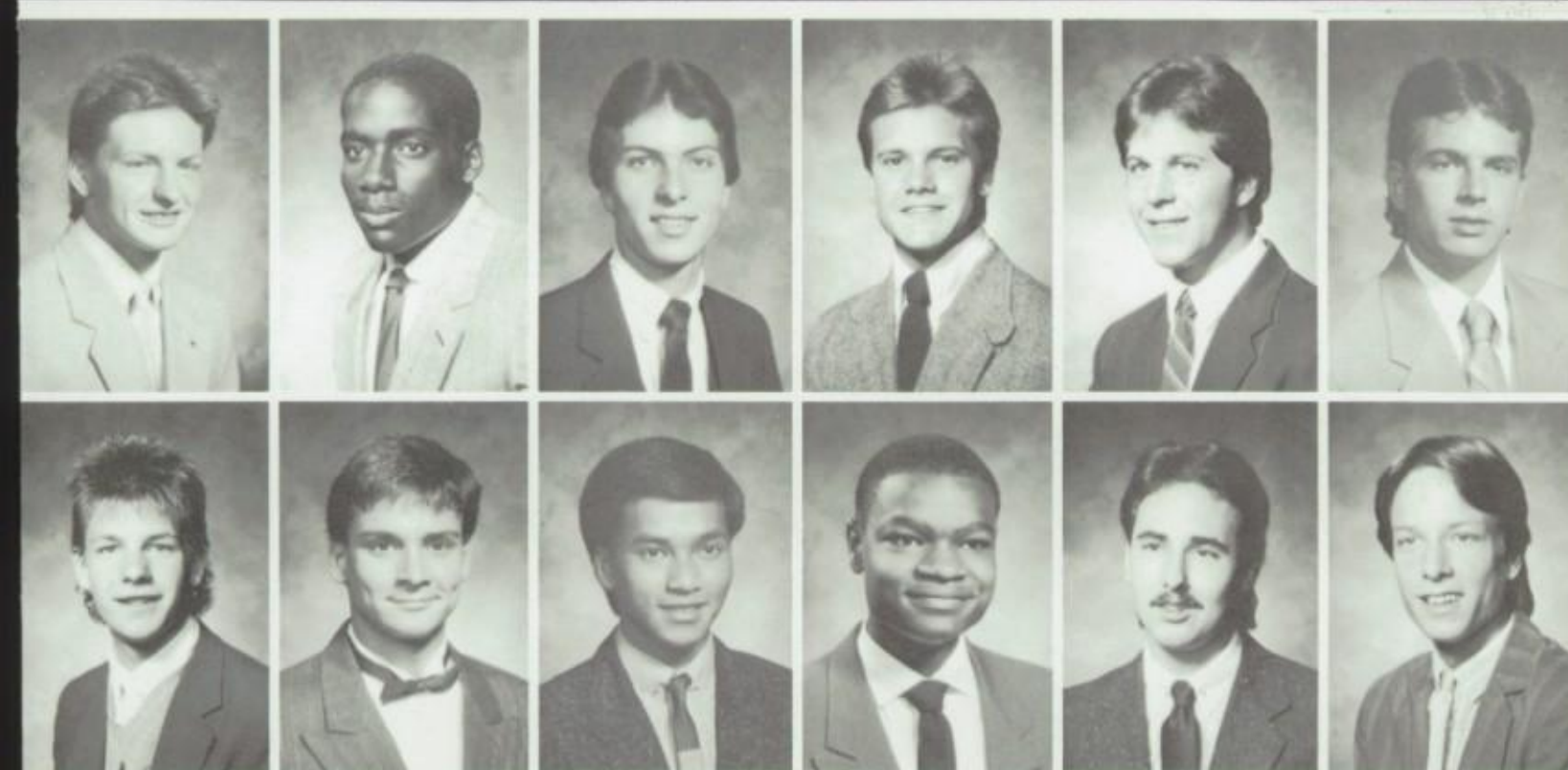






#### THANK YOU.

Hands held high in praise, Frs. Ron Olszewski and James O'Neill celebrate the Thanksgiving liturgy. Fr. Olszewski used the mass as a means to recognize those faculty and staff members with 10, 20, and 30 years of service to the school community. A 12-year member of the faculty, Mr. Don Murad was one of 19 teachers and auxiliary personnel so honored. Photos by Chris Fischer.



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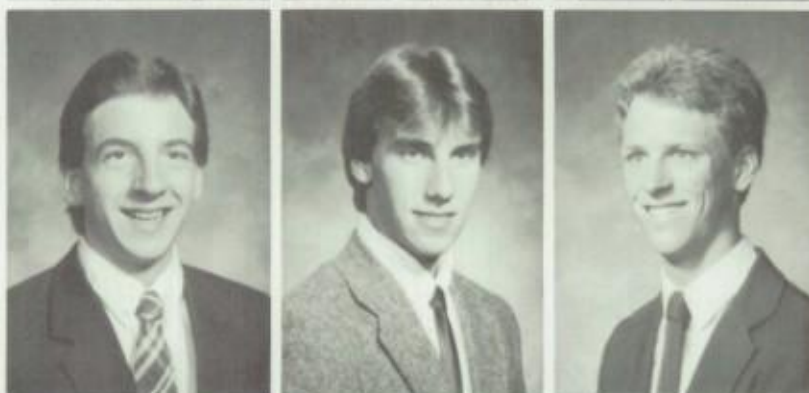
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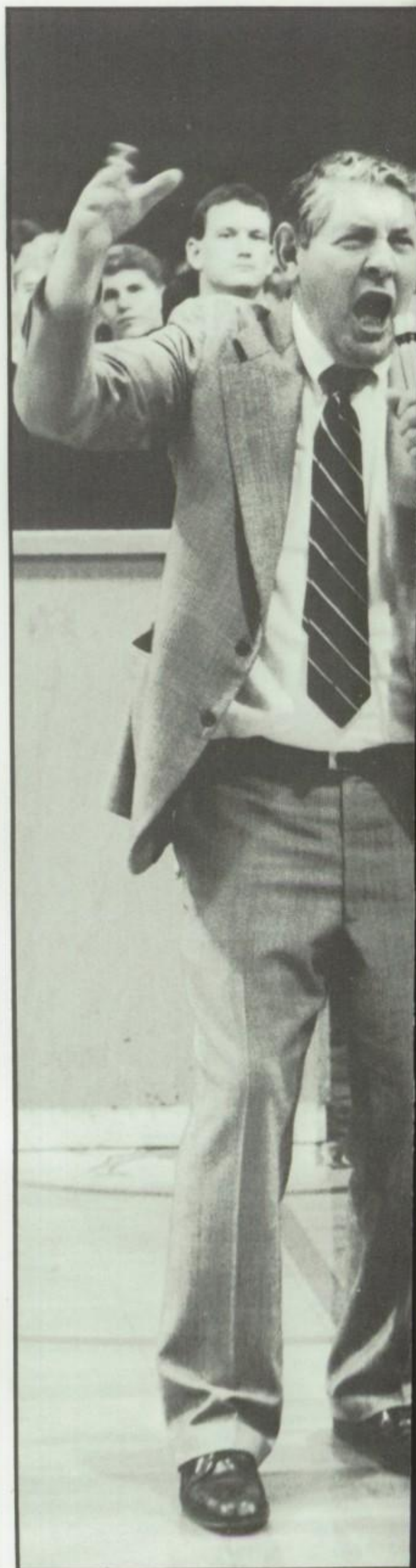
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Jeffrey Moss  
Brian Mruzek



Richard Mueller  
Scot Mullane  
Robert Neal





Proud of all their achievements, this close-knit community sat high on its throne. To all others, St. Francis left

# Standing Room Only

**A** sense of dignity, importance, and superiority. A realistically high opinion of oneself.

That's what pride is all about. Or is it?

Pride can be, and often is, confused with conceit. Pride, though, is being content with who you are, what you stand for, and what you have accomplished.

We, as both a school and individuals, are proud of who we are and what we represent.

#### A PROUD MOMENT.

Yelling to an exuberant student section, Mr. Richard Mattingly proclaims the merits of a fruitful fall sports season. The Knights captured the Football City, Cross Country City, and Water Polo State Championships and celebrated those accomplishments with a school-wide assembly, Tuesday, November 4. Photo by Chris Fischer.

We are Knights and we accept what it means to carry the label of Knight Pride.

"Knight Pride is special," said Notre Dame senior Deb Rybarczyk, "because of its huge diversity. Pride at St. Francis can come from big things, like a Shoe Bowl victory, or from small, everyday things, like a good practice."

Why does *this* school possess this special pride? Is it the consistently outstanding academic program? Is it the unity evidenced at pep rallies, liturgies, and the Rally by the River? Is it the inevitable City title at least one team wins yearly?

Or is it a combination of all these things?

Although it is easy to see Knight Pride in students, it does not end there. It carries over into the faculty. Fr. Marty Lukas leads pep ral-

lies. Brother Jim Roth welcomes and acclimates freshmen. Fr. Ron Olszewski offers his support by simply being present at all places all the time.

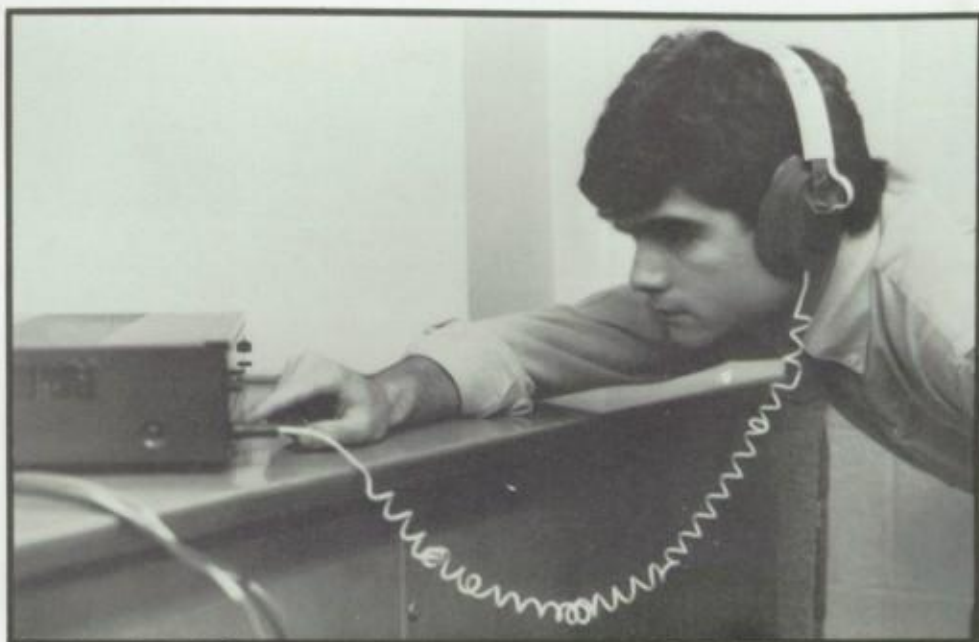
Forget those cliches where they try to convince you pride is a feeling. It's more. Much more. It's the actions that come from commitments people make to one another.

It's what this school is all about. □

— Pat Rybarczyk

#### A SOUND SYSTEM.

Headphones in place, Jim Brancheau, Senior Class Vice-President, changes the station on the senior stereo. One of only four students afforded the privilege of controlling the stereo's volume and station, Jim found the responsibilities that came with his office both demanding and rewarding. "I was proud of myself and I appreciated the recognition I received from other seniors," Jim said. Photo by Bill McFerron.





It's late August. It's too hot to wear a shirt and tie.  
Come on. Give us a break. Please

# LOOSEN *Up*

**T**he first day of school. Remember? You stood in front of the mirror, buttoning up that new shirt with an itchy, over-starched collar. Then you tried on the tie. As your fingers sleepily stumbled over each other, you thought back to the good old days of summer when you wore what you wanted.

Those days were history as you were forced to organize your ties, Oxford shirts, and dress pants. You adjusted your frame of mind and accepted the inevitable. The dress code had returned with a vengeance.

Most students adjusted quickly. They had to, for within less

than a week, Mr. Mark Lewis, Dean of Men, decided to stand guard duty at the front door, giving detentions to anyone in violation of the code. After a detention or two, even the most rebellious student learned to dress properly.

## BEND THE RULES.

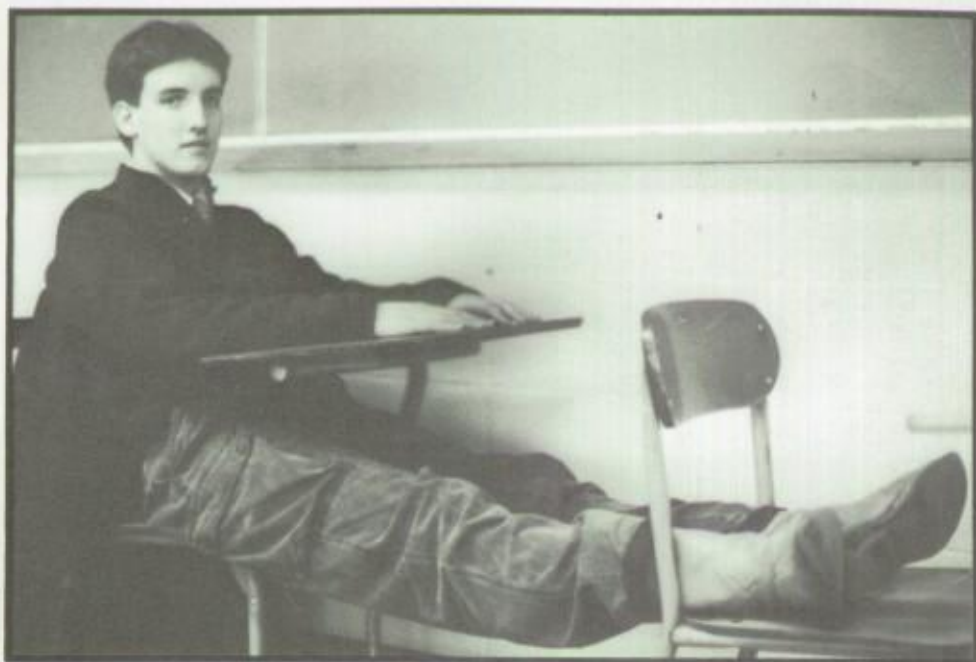
Stretched to the point of illegal comfort, junior Brian Lazar lounges in his play pants during homeroom. Though wearing play pants is both against the rules and grounds for a detention, students like Brian pushed the dress code because "play pants are more comfortable." Another motive for any dress code violation is that once successfully tried, there's the challenge to try that second or third time without getting caught. Photo by Chris Fischer.

But why should students be subjected to a dress code in the first place? Fr. Olszewski believed "it created an atmosphere more conducive to education. It created an atmosphere that attests to success." □

— Eliot Wajskol

## THE LETTER OF THE LAW.

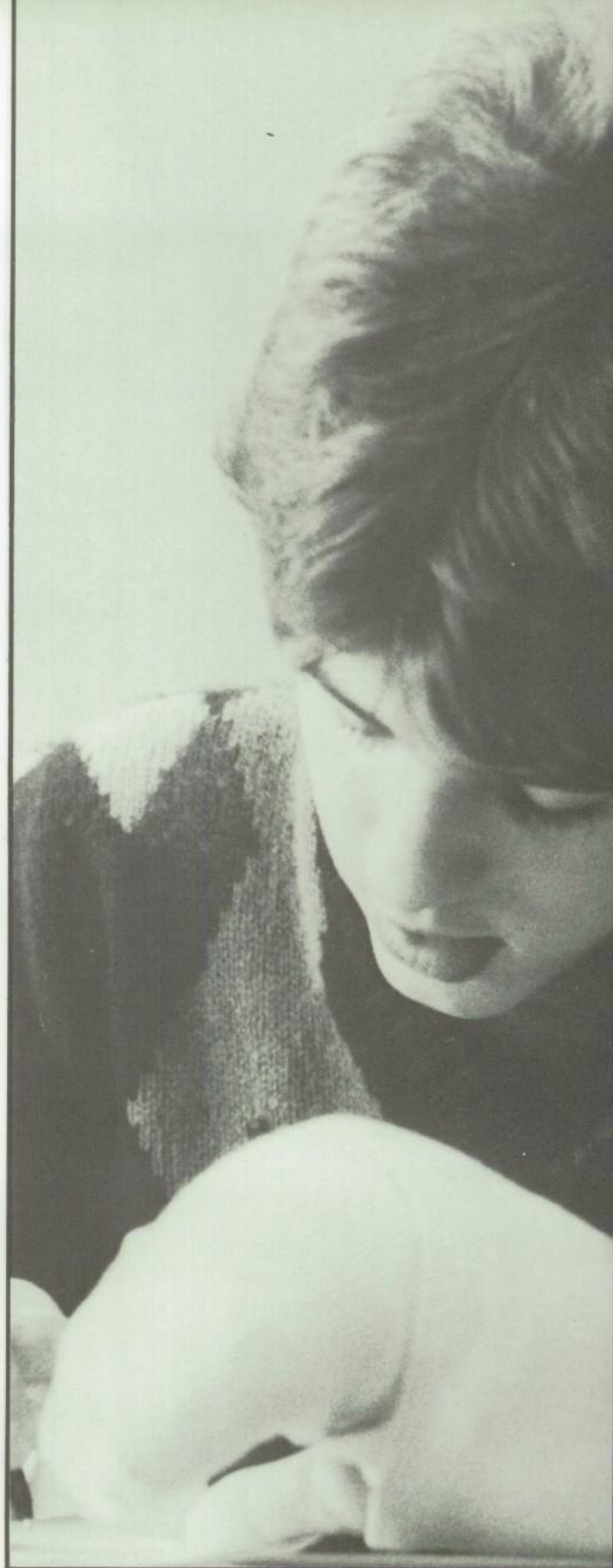
One acceptable way to get around the collared shirt and tie routine was the turtleneck, a comfortable, stylish alternative freshman Chris Duger chose as a substitute to the business look of suit coat and tie. Despite the strict dress code, students managed to find loopholes. They took the form of black aerobic shoes, dress jeans, and unbuttoned collars. For the flagrant violation, though, there was a detention marked "inappropriate attire." Photo by Bill McFerron.



## THE OLD SOFT SHOE.

Kicking back in his pseudo-loafers, senior Gene Wiewiora defiantly sports a pair of house slippers in place of the required dress shoes. Students found new ways of expressing themselves

this year as the distinctions between uniform and non-uniform apparel blurred, allowing many to get away with wearing play pants and even slippers to school. Photo by Bill McFerron.







Robert Nicholson  
Kevin Noonan  
Hugh O'Brien



Kevin O'Brien  
Gary Pack  
Bryan Paraham



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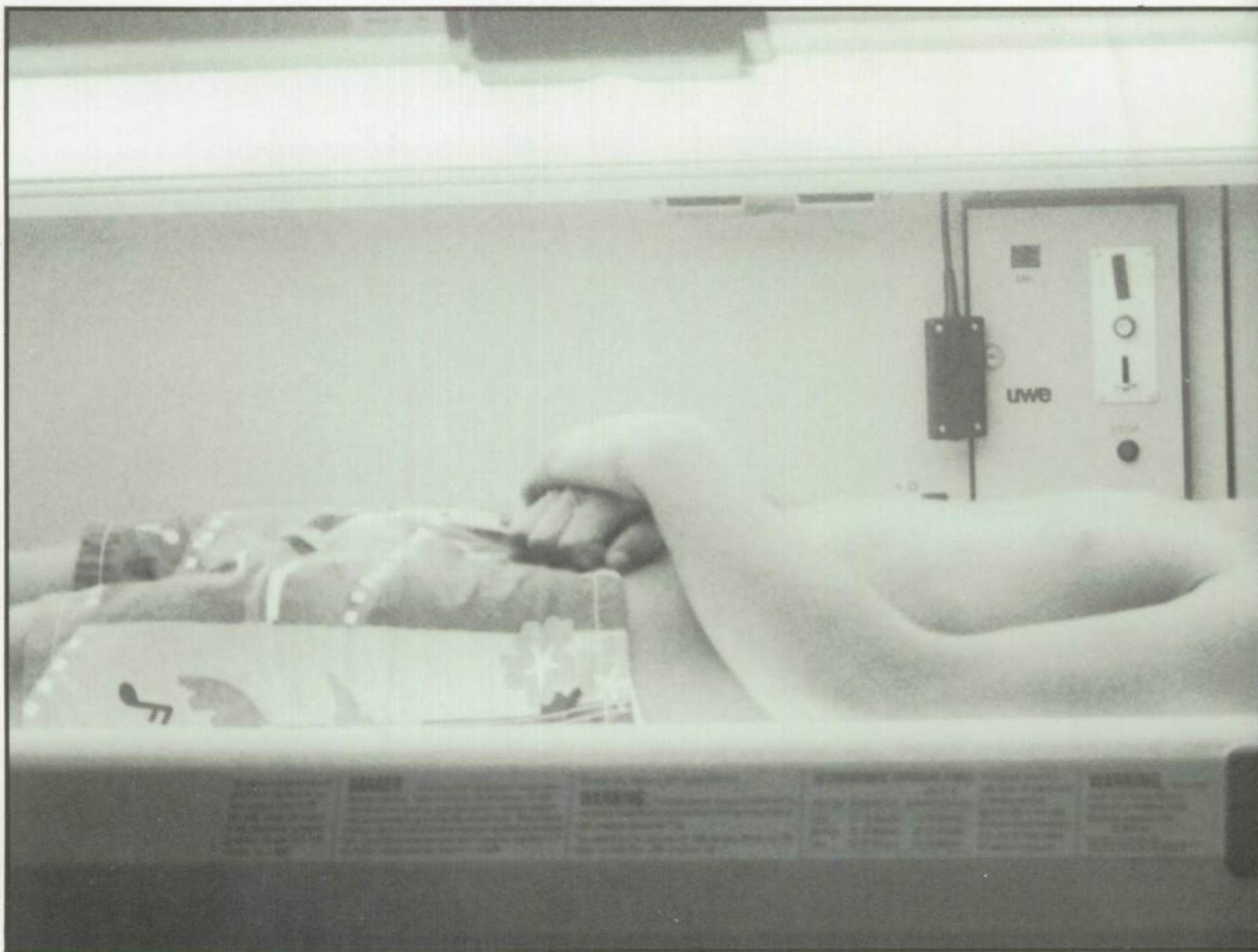


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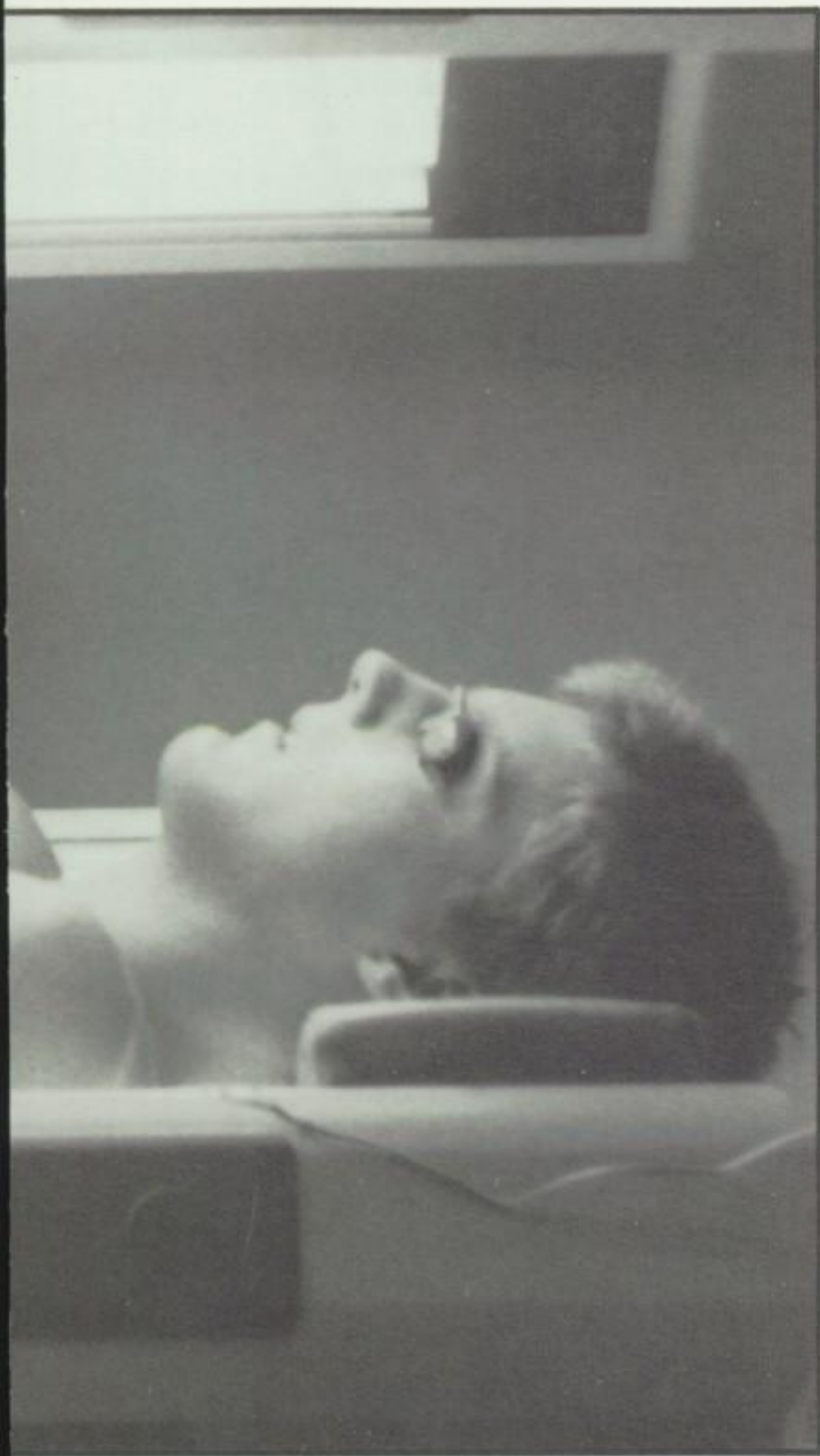
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Jeffrey  
Strzesynski  
Scott Tanguay  
Dickran  
Tchobanian







# ALL DRESSED UP *and No Place to Go...*

*So, hey. Forget the norms.*

## BOOTH BUM.

Determined to keep the vacation spirit alive, senior Rick Kaser dresses down in Jams and lies under a sun lamp at The Tanning Emporium. Last summer's obsession with the long, colorful shorts brought with it a new interest in bright underclothes, especially boxers and jockeys. Photo by Chris Fischer.

*Set your own style!*



Michael  
Terpinski  
Kenneth Thomas  
Robert  
Thompson  
Mark Thrun  
Francis Tokar  
Thomas Tressler



Hendrikus  
van der Steen  
Richard  
VanLandingham  
Peter Vauthy  
John Wagoner  
Lawrence Wang  
Richard Warren



Daniel Watson  
David Weeks  
John Weglian



Jay Weik  
Charles Weisenburger  
Timothy Welch



Mark Wenrick  
Timothy Wesson  
Gene Wiewiora



Scott Wilhelm  
Damon Williams  
Peter Winkler



Robert Winsor  
John Yeager  
Shawn Zablocki







Determined to make an awesome first impression, a few students went to bizarre extremes. Most, though, attempted to catch someone else's eye with

# A Touch of CLASS

**T**he bell re-sounds. It's 2:40. Better yet, it's Friday and it's 2:40. It's time for the weekend.

It's been an arduous week and you're ready for a good time. You're tired of the Oxford and tie, the dress pants and shoes, the bandaid over the earlobe.

## A CLEAN CUT.

Confident in the abilities of hairstylist Brad Timmings, owner of Volo Artistic Team, senior Kevin O'Brien patiently awaits the final outcome of a December 4 appointment. Students concerned with their hair tried mousse, bi-levels, spikes, shaved numerals, and shelves. A few even went to the extreme of getting a mohawk. Photo by Bill McFerron.

You're ready to look good on *your* terms.

Chess King, J. Riggins, and Jacobson's have prepared you well. Your biggest concern is talking with your friends to make sure you don't accidentally become a twinkle.

No. Your biggest concern is having fun and looking good is an important part of it.

## A PERFECT MATCH.

After browsing through *The Gap's* selection of sweaters, junior Pierre Gosset sizes up the turquoise and beige one that caught his eye. In addition to *The Gap*, other popular stores where students shopped for clothes included *Chess King*, *The County Seat*, *J. Riggins*, and *Jacobson's*. The average student spent \$600 a year on clothes. Photo by Scot Mullane.

Junior Mike Leonardi believed "looking good was the most important factor for a successful weekend."

There was more to the art of being snazzy than just clothes, though. There was hair to consider. No matter what style you chose to sport, it was paramount that it both look good *and* fit your personality.

To achieve that look, there was always a little mousse or a lot of hair spray. For a daring few, there were color enhancers that allowed you to startle your friends and grab the girls' attention. Or if God, or fate, or whatever, smiled favorably upon your head, you

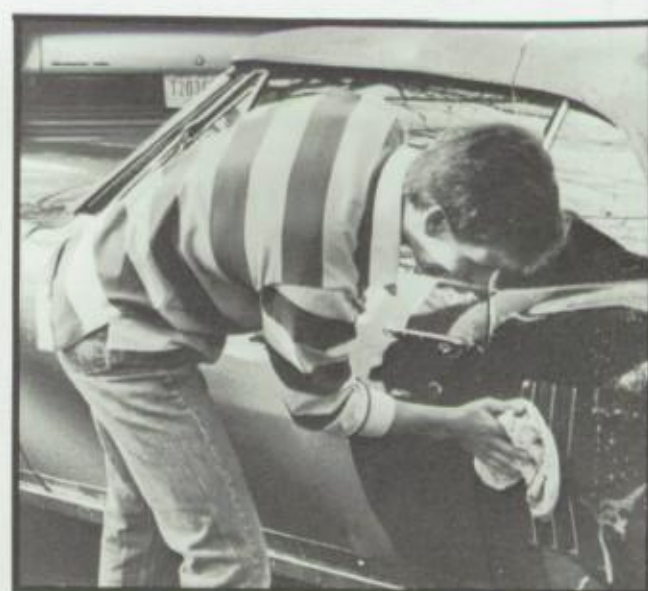
were gifted with that perfect mop of hair that needed little more than Johnson's Baby Shampoo.

Careful planning was all that was necessary to make the right impression on that special someone. All you needed was to grab your favorite Polo, slip into some jeans, massage in that mousse, and fasten your seat belt for one terrific weekend. □

— Mark Beckham and Dave Lyons

## MR. CLEAN.

The bitter cold of November doesn't bother junior Mike VanderPol as he polishes the rear fender of his 1967 Firebird. A clean car was a definite prerequisite for looking good any weekend of the year. Photo by Bill McFerron.



## SMOOTH AS SILK.

In preparation for the evening's festivities, junior Harry Mouratidis uses his Bic to rid himself of a bothersome 5 o'clock shadow. Although the scruffy look was typical for a night out with the boys, girls seldom appreciated anything but a clean-shaven date. Photo by Chris Carper.



# BRUSHED

Aside

It's over. It's the end of a tradition that has spanned three decades. It came to a grinding halt in late August and there was nothing anyone could do to fight it.

As summer drew to a close, the University of Toledo announced its plans to refurbish the bridge on the east side of the campus that carries Douglas Road over Bancroft Street. What had once been a place for students to express their school spirit would no longer be the center of Saturday night parties.

The university publically announced that anyone caught

marring the new look would be prosecuted. They kept true to that warning.

Fr. Marty Lukas had mixed feelings about the loss of the bridge. "I liked having it for everyone to paint. It was a great way to show spirit and enthusiasm. However, I do think it was becoming an eyesore. People were more interested in painting their names than things about the school."

Whether the change was good or bad is irrelevant. It happened. The simple fact of the matter is the bridge is no more. □

— Mark Thrun



THE END OF THE ROAD.

It was a school tradition. It was a symbol of Knight spirit. It was more than a cross-over point for trains — it was an expression of student feelings before and after big games. It was the bridge at Bancroft and Westwood and it all came to an end when the University of Toledo purchased it and ordered the layers of paint chipped off.



## SET Us Straight

Some consider it a lounge where they can hang out during free periods.

Others think of it as a place where they can finish homework.

It's both and yet it is neither.

It is the Guidance Department and it was a place that offered both personal help and information pertaining to college and career choices.

Information abounded within that small area. The department offered pamphlets on career choices and study guides for the SAT and ACT. There was an endless amount of information concerning college choices for juniors and seniors. Students were presented with the chance to meet college representatives and use computer programs in narrowing college and career options.

A lounge? A place to finish those last three math problems?

Not in a long shot. □

— Paul Antkowiak

## A SHOT in the Arm

"I can't do that. I have diabetes."

"I'm not like everyone else. I can't. I can't."

Those two words, more than any treatment or drug therapy, inhibit a diabetic's chance to live life to its fullest. It was this attitude that motivated Dr. John Brunner, one of the country's

leading diabetes specialists and head of the Mercy Hospital Diabetes Care Unit, to contact Coach Val Glinka.

Brunner had a vision. He wanted to produce a commercial to inform people of the happy, fruitful lives led by diabetics who managed their conditions. Glinka, a force in the fight against diabetes

and a diabetic himself, agreed and immediately offered the school's services and help.

Management was all it took. Diabetics did lead full lives.

"I can't do that. I'm a diabetic."

"Yes you can. But it's up to you." □

— Russ Kahler

## Out in the STREETS

All work and no pay made this Jack everything but dull.

He earned valuable job experience. He enjoyed heart-felt "thank yous" and hardy pats on the back. More importantly, however, he left with the warm glow of knowing he had done an important job well because he wanted to.

He realized it all came with the territory of community service.

Senior Greg Mitchell got started in community service between his freshmen and sophomore years. Having participated in the

Red Cross-sponsored Northern Ohio Leadership Center, he joined the Red Cross Youth Council.

Members of the group volunteered at various projects around the city, including visiting retirement homes and orphanages. The reason Greg volunteered was simple. "I like the feeling," he explained. "I enjoy all the places we go. The people are so glad to see us that it makes me feel great inside. As a result, I want to go back." □

— Scott Wilhelm

## Give us a HAND

Clink!

"Thank y..you si..sir."

"Wo..would you li..like to make a donation to the St. Francis Band?"

The stammering was inevitable as the Marching Band members solicited donations. It was never easy asking for money. It was necessary, though.

Since its inception in 1975, Band Tag Days have brought in approximately \$130,000. This year, \$5200 was collected. □

— Richard VanLandingham





#### THE LADY STANDS TALL.

The city of New York was host to the Statue of Liberty's birthday party, an extravaganza that excited the entire nation. The tremendously lavish affair included an incredible display of sailing ships from across the United States and around the world to honor Lady Liberty's one hundredth year. Visitors from all over the globe crowded New York City and not a one left disappointed as the celebration ended with a spectacular fireworks show.

## PARTY

### Hardy

There was no doubt about it. It was definitely as fun-filled an evening as anyone could have hoped to enjoy.

"I think the rally was really fun," said junior Eric Savage. "I got a chance to see friends I hadn't seen all summer. It was a good chance to get together before school started."

Rally by the River was more than an opportunity to catch up on summer gossip, though. It was a spectacular benefit for the school. Much of the \$10,000+ made went toward the renovation of the gym and weight room.

Junior Jason Malczewski believed the riverfront party "was a good chance for St. Francis to make money and receive some free publicity."

The evening's activities centered around the live entertainment in the middle of Promenade Park. Beer tents were available for adults to socialize and enjoy the shade. The hot sun offered students a chance to perfect their tans.

The Rally's success was undeniable. All the hours of preparation paid off.

If there's ever any doubt about that, take a look at the Pit. □

— Pat Rybarczyk

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Above and Beyond the

## CALL OF DUTY

Why would anyone work for free?

Senior Chris Eck, a volunteer at Toledo Hospital, offered some insight. "I volunteered at first because my parents made me. But then I stayed, mostly because of the people with whom I work and the feeling that I've really accomplished something and done something good and worthwhile that day."

Community service isn't profitable. It won't allow you to add another CD to your collection. It is rich, though, in a much more important payment — human compassion. □

— Scott Wilhelm

# MET the Challenge

Put away the pigskin. Say bye-bye to basketball. Pass the puck. Any real sports fan knew there was only one important event in October. It was the World Series.

The fall classic pits the National League champions against the best of the American League. This year, it was the New York Mets and the Boston Red Sox. It was an East Coast affair.

The Sox were the surprise of the season. Picked to finish no higher than fourth in the tough AL East, but bolstered by the blossoming of a young pitching staff, they emerged on top.

The Mets, on the other hand, picked by practically everyone to win it all, disappointed no one. Winning 108 games during the regular season, they finished 20

games ahead of the second place club.

Winning the first two Series games on Mets territory, Boston went home confident that the next two in Fenway Park were theirs. The Mets' Bob Ojedo, a former Red Sox himself, had other plans. He dazzled his old teammates, giving up just one run in seven innings as New York trampled the Sox, 7-1.

Game four followed suit as the Mets pulled out a 6-2 victory. The Sox came back in the fifth game, once again behind the now-tiring Bruce Hurst, and made the trip back to Shea Stadium leading three games to two.

The power pitchers couldn't make it through the next game. Worn out, they were replaced by relievers on both sides. The Sox

held out to the tenth inning, unwilling to let go of a world title they were within one strike of owning. New York rallied, however, to hand Boston a heart-breaking loss.

By the seventh inning of the last, winner-take-all, game, the decision was final. There was no way the Sox could catch up to an overpowering Mets team that enjoyed the luxury of 55,000+ screaming fans.

For the Mets, it was the final chapter of a storybook season. Critics of their aggressive, show-boating style play were finally silenced.

The champagne flowed in the Big Apple as Frank Sinatra sang his praise. The Mets were once again *numero uno*. □

— Greg Mitchell and Mark Thrun

# Elway! NO WAY!

Dreams are the staple of every little boy's life. In one afternoon he can be a fireman, a soldier, and a truck driver. After dinner, he can transform himself into Superman, saving the world from the forces of evil.

Dreams are the staple of life. Everyone has his share. For every NFL player, the dream is simple — take home a Super Bowl ring.

The season had chosen the competitors. The final showdown would take place between the New York Giants and the Denver Broncos.

The experts were convinced the outcome of the game rested in the arm of Denver quarterback John Elway.

Emotions were running high as the teams charged the field.

Denver struck first with a field goal from Rich Karlis. New York retaliated with a drive that was

capped off with a Simms to Mowatt touchdown pass.

Not to be outdone, Elway scrambled for six points. The conversion was good. The Broncos led, 10-7.

A little discouraged, the Giants tightened the screws on Elway and company. The Broncos had the opportunities to blow the game wide open but were unable to capitalize.

The ferocious Giant defense took over. George Martin sacked Elway for a safety. The half ended with Denver holding on to a slim 10-9 lead. It looked like it was going to be a close game.

Looks can be deceiving, however. Denver should never have left the locker room at the end of the half. They should have quit while they were ahead.

Phil Simms was the man of the hour. He completed 22 of 25 attempts for 268 yards and three

touchdown passes. The Giant offense racked up 30 points in the second half while Denver struggled to post 10.

When the dust settled, the New York Giants were World Champions. They had beaten the Broncos as handily as everyone had predicted.

Simms, himself, believed he was close to perfect. The officials agreed, honoring him with the MVP trophy.

The experts had been right. The game did rest on the arm of Elway. The Broncos went astray, though, when Elway collapsed under pressure.

The Broncos returned to Colorado with shattered dreams. On the other hand, the Giants' dream had come true. They owned a Super Bowl trophy.

They were the best in the world. □

— Andy Arquette and Tim Pearsall

# OPENING Up

Is high school a career?

A daily chore?

Or is it an adventure waiting to be tackled?

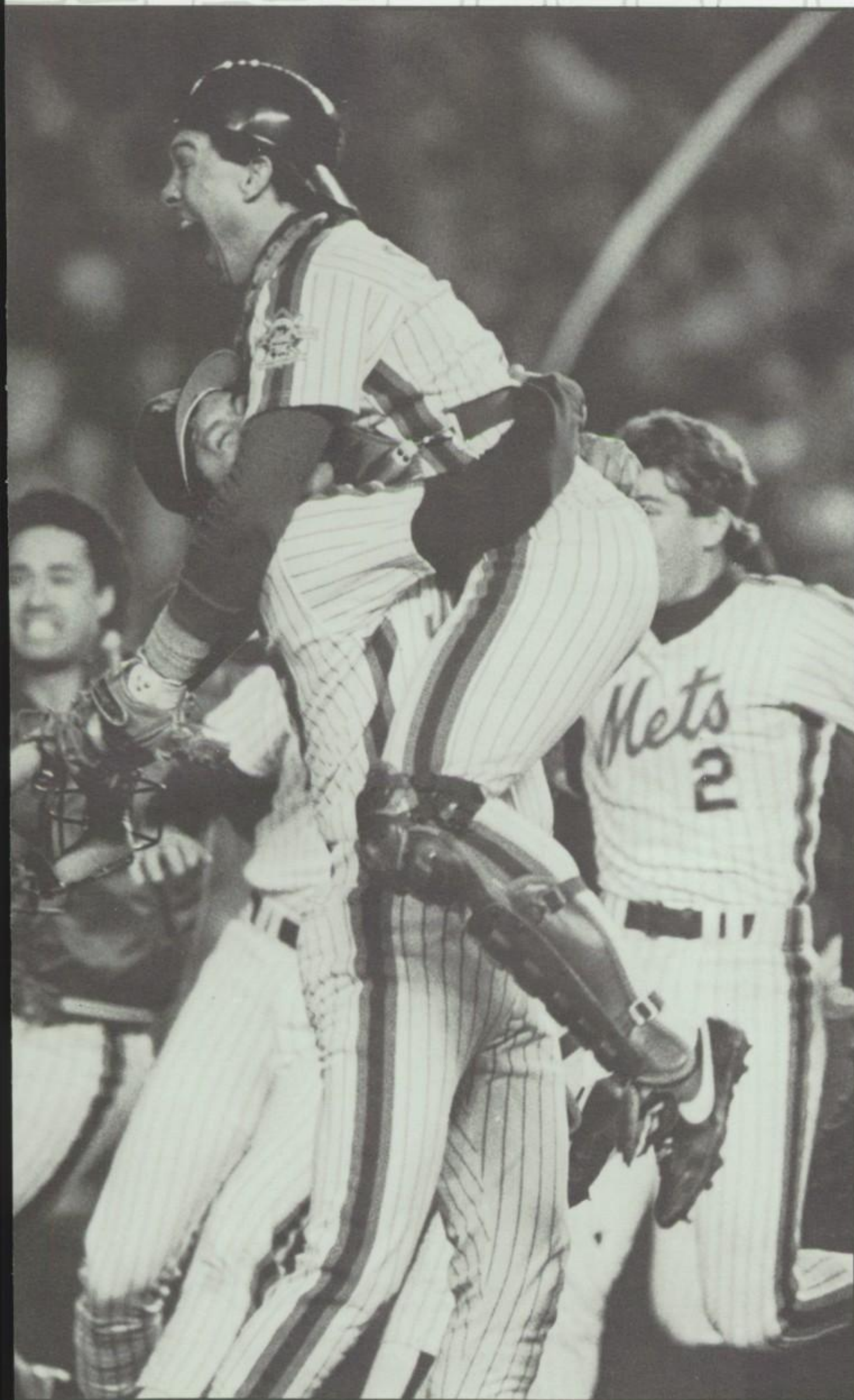
For five eighth graders from Gesu, it was all that and more. Every morning these five students, John Hanusz, Chris McChellan, Margot McGraw, Maggie Sallah, and Michelle Savage, left Gesu at 9:10 AM and entered the hectic world of high school as students in Fr. Cutter's second period Algebra I class.

Wait a minute! There were three girls' names in there. This is an all-boys' school.

Set your mind at rest. What at first might appear an uncharacteristically liberal change was not. Girls *are not* and *will not* be permanent additions to the student body. Co-educational luxuries are not in the near, or distant, future. □

— Steve Steinberg





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#### SWEET VICTORY.

The final out was just the start of a week-long celebration as relief pitcher Jesse Orosco lifts New York Mets catcher Gary Carter into the air following the Mets 8-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox in the seventh game of the World Series. Orosco retired 16 of the 18 batters he faced in his two relief appearances, despite a mild case of strep throat in the final game. It was this bullpen, led by Orosco, that was the secret to the Mets' victory. In the last two games in New York, the Red Sox relievers gave up 10 hits and 9 runs in 5 innings. For the series, Boston's embarrassing numbers were 13 runs in 15 innings. After the final out, a group of Mets, led by Ron Darling, sought refuge on the pitchers mound and drenched themselves with champagne. The victory was the team's vindication for a year of criticism. "No one," claimed Carter, "can take the World Championship away from us now, regardless of envy, hatred, or jealousy."

#### INTERGALACTIC TRAVELERS

*I Parked My Ship in Zone E, Dude.*

In the deep recesses of your imagination, you could hear Mission Control counting down.

"3...2...1...lift-off!"

Two weeks of detailed work climaxed in the launching of a cardboard tube a mere eight inches long. It was model rocketry at its finest.

Mr. Murad used the launching with his Modern Physics classes to help explain a few of the basic concepts of motion and vectors.

"It gave the guys a practical way to use physics and have a little fun," he explained.

There was a great deal of hard work that went with that fun. "I sweated over it for more time than I thought possible," remembered senior Brad Hecht, "but the result was worth it."

In the deep recesses of your imagination, you could still hear the countdown. "T-minus 10 seconds...9...8..." □

— Dave Lyons



Philip Abbott 10  
Donald Aberl 9  
Michael Abowd 10  
Michael Abu-Absi 10  
Ramsey Abu-Absi 11



James Adams 11  
John Albers 11  
Edward Alford 11  
Robert Alford 9  
Jayson Allen 11



Alex Alejandro 10  
Matthew Aman 9  
C. Thomas Anderson 9  
Loren Anderson 9  
Robert Anderson 9



Christopher Andrews 11  
Steven Antalek 11  
Eric Antoszewski 11  
Matthew Applegate 9  
Christopher Arnold 9



Andrew Arquette 11  
Faris Asad 10  
Eric Aschmeier 11  
James Aubry 9  
M. Scott Aubry 11



David Babkiewicz 9  
Jason Bachar 9  
Robert Badhorn 11  
Aaron Baker 9  
Alfred Baker 10



Richard Ball 10  
Michael Ballard 9  
Walter Banaszak 10  
Eric Barker 11  
Stephen Barlage 9



Robert Barnes 11  
Bernard Barrow 10  
Jonathon Barrow 9  
Steven Bartalsky 10  
Scott Bartko 11



Christopher Bartnikowski 9  
Jonathon Batanian 9  
Michael Bates 10  
Steven Battig 11  
Thomas Bauman 9





The student body realized that a win over Central was a must. It was time to make amends for the 0-19 Bowsher embarrassment last season. The need for a victory was clear and the seniors responded with

# A Show of HANDS



alking across her bedroom floor, she stops,

## NOT JUST ANOTHER PRETTY FACE.

Cracking just one in a line of uncountable jokes, senior Scot Mullane livens up the ride he and Janelle White make to UT's Glass Bowl during the Homecoming parade. Janelle was a three year member of both the cheerleading squads and the spring musical. Photo by Brandon Yanez.

caught off guard by a familiar glitter. She stares into the mirror and beyond. She quietly turns and grabs hold of a memory.

Slowly... Tenderly... She remembers....

It was Friday, October 17. She has rushed home from school and is anxiously awaiting the telephone call, the one from a Homecoming Committee member who will inform her whether or not she

made court.

Around 4:30, the phone rings. Hesitantly, she picks it up.

"Congratulations, Ruth ..." booms the voice. She is astounded, first unbelieving, then joyous.

Over the next couple of days, her enthusiasm grows. Everything happens all at once, or so it seems. Her two best friends are on court with her. Could anything or anyone

make her any happier?

Chris DiSalle, that's who. Yes, Ruth's enthusiasm turned to unadulterated excitement when Chris asked to escort her for the weekend's activities. She was absolutely exuberant! She had "known Chris for three years" and the two were great friends.

"He's a great guy," Ruth said, "someone I was comfortable with. I was hoping he'd ask

me."

October 24 finally arrived. The weekend of all weekends began.

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## ARM IN ARM.

Standing tall and proud on the 50 yard line, seniors Steve Rudnicki and Kelly McDowell await the announcement of queen. "It was a great time," Steve remembered. "I had a lot of fun and Kelly was real excited just to be there." Kelly was escorted to the Saturday evening dance by senior tri-captain Gene Wiewiora. Photo by Bob Hessler.



## THE LETTERMEN.

Yet another perfect example of the Knights' undying spirit, seniors Tim Welch, Matt Casey, Craig Bickle, Scott Hadley, Jeff Kujawa, Jay Lawniczak, Curt Koslovsky, Bob Masters, and Dave Aman get the spectators psyched during their pre-game show. Koslovsky commented, "Jay and I both got a cold, but it was all for a good cause — to win the game." The Knights destroyed Central, 31-15. Photo by Chris Fischer.



The 24-7 victory proved the Knights weren't just a fluke. The team was built on

# A Solid FOUNDATION

**S**he remembers not just some, but all. The privilege of leaving St. Ursula early, of dressing in her best, of being introduced at the rally, of receiving countless flowers, of riding in Steve Drager's Impala convertible, and of throwing miniature footballs to the kids who lined Bancroft Street.

She remembers the anticipation.

She passed the first half of the game with small talk and humor. How long that first half

lasted.

Eventually it was halftime. Fr. Marty leads the court onto the field. She vividly remembers the bitter cold wind and the exceptionally large crowd. Her mind races from memory to memory.

"Ms. Ruth Mannes and her escort, senior Chris DiSalle," Mr. Dave Comes booms over the loudspeaker. The applause and shouts. The sudden quiet after the court was introduced. The secret hopes and dreams. The seemingly endless seconds.

Until, "The Homecoming Queen for 1986 is ... Ms. Ruth Mannes." The shock. The tears. The shaking. The disbelief. The joy. Virtually all her feelings overwhelmed her spontaneously. She is "on top of the world." Her dreams are reality. She sees the crown and is awed with its beauty.

She sees Chris — how supportive he is, how he steps aside to let her "make the most of her moment," how he holds her.

Suddenly, she and Chris are being interviewed. "She was shaking so bad. The tears. The emotions. I was so happy for her, so proud of her," Chris said.

"Just being on court was an honor. Anything above that would have been, and was, fantastic," Ruth explained. "I was pleased with the court. I would have been happy no matter who was Queen."

Alone for only mere seconds, people come from every-

where. Folks pile around them. Everyone is hugging and kissing.

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## BACK HOME WHERE IT BELONGS.

Showing the fruits of their labors to an enthusiastic crowd, seniors Scott Kwiatkowski (#54), Jim Dettinger (#12), Brian Mruzek (#14), and sophomore Tony Hughes (#82) celebrate the Irish Knight's return home. Jim recalled the defeat of a tough Central team as "the season's highlight. It was a definite comeback after last year's loss. The victory did a lot for the team's pride." Photo by Chris Fischer.



### A FAMILY AFFAIR.

Ready to roll for the Homecoming parade, senior John Monaghan and his cousin, candidate Lori Keller, load up on footballs from senior Nick Kurek and Mrs. Sue Conrad. Photo by Brandon Yanez.

### JUST FRIENDS.

Relaxed in the comfortableness of a good friendship, Notre Dame senior Michelle Schoering and her escort, senior Dave Eisenger, enjoy the ride to the University of Toledo's Glass Bowl. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



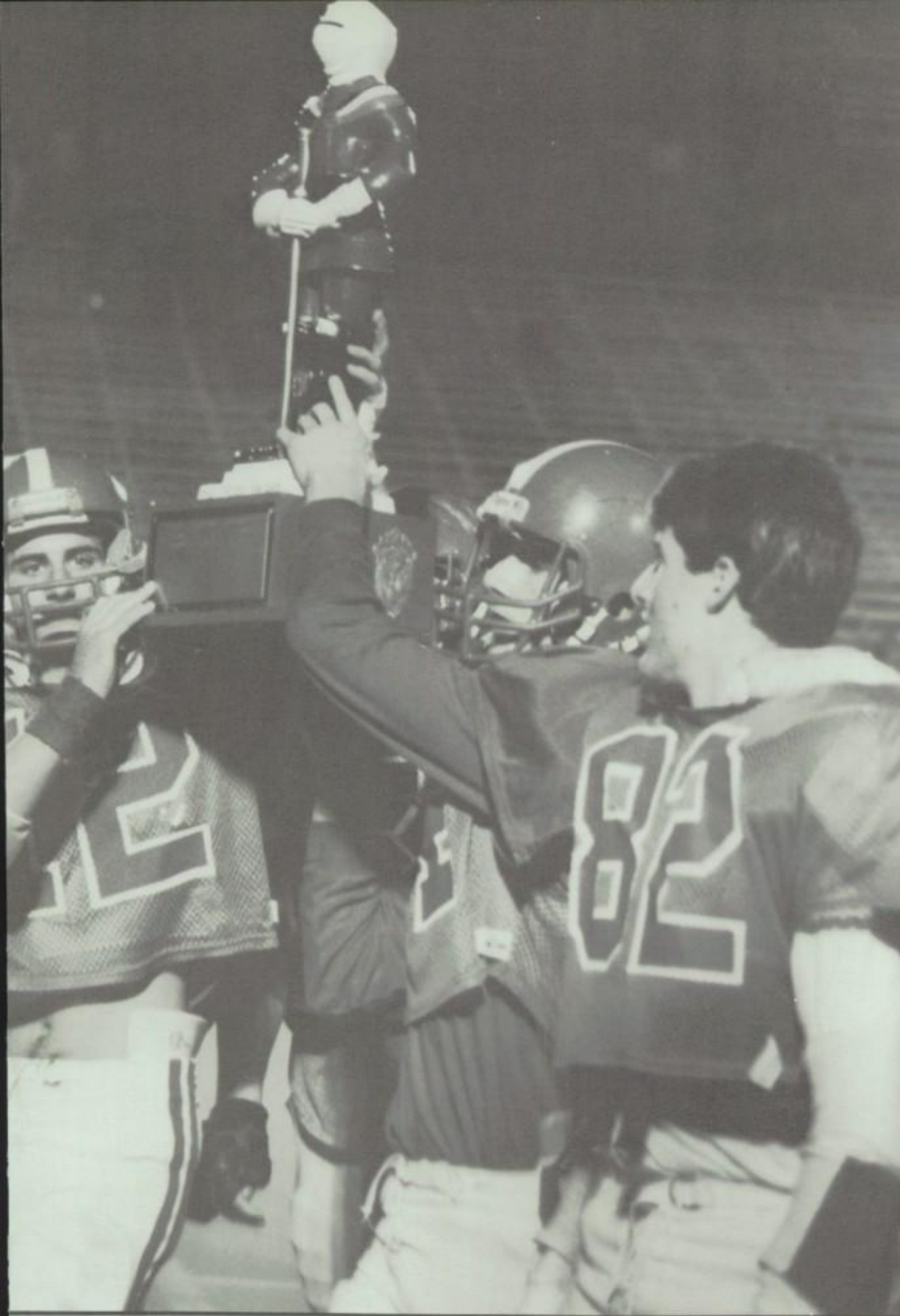
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Martin Bihn 11



Robert Binion 9  
Robert Bixler 11  
Chad Blachowski 11  
Keith Black 10  
Keith Blanchard 9  
Robert Blanton 10  
Bradley Boardman 9  
Thomas Boissy 11  
Michael Booth 11







#### THE MOMENT OF TRUTH.

Smiling in nervous anticipation of the upcoming announcement of Queen, seniors Jeff Moss and Dee Washington respond to the crowd's warm reception. Although she was not voted Queen, Jeff said "Dee was happy just to be on the court." Photo by Larry Wang.



#### FLYIN' HIGH.

Getting psyched for the evening football game, juniors Doug Patterson, Scott Aubry, Paul Farmer and Brian Burdasz flaunt both the Knight banner and their enthusiasm for the Central

contest. In addition to cheering, the passengers in junior Dennis Kazmierczak's truck tossed candy and white Homecoming footballs among themselves and to fans along the parade route. Photo by Chris Fischer.



A. Dino Boraggina 11  
Thomas Bordner 9  
Brian Boyer 10  
Scott Braatz 11  
Kevin Branyan 10  
Ryan Bristol 10  
James Brooks 9  
Nathan Brown 9  
Gregory Bruce 9

Dennis Bryant 9  
Kenneth Bucher 10  
Miquel Buckenmeyer 9  
Robert Buganski 9  
Aaron Bunner 9  
Brian Burdasz 11  
Bradley Burdue 9  
Brian Burks 9  
Brian Burpee 11



There was the thrill of selecting a Homecoming Queen and the anticipation of welcoming the Irish Knight home. Nothing could quite capture

# The BEAUTY of it All

**T**he crowd is overwhelming. Everyone is congratulating, crying, taking pictures, staring.

The next evening, at the dance, in the middle of the floor, she and Chris are center stage. Everyone else is shouting, applauding, whistling.

Sunday afternoon's Homecoming liturgy is spent "thanking God for everything. I owe it all to Him."

## A SELECTIVE PROCESS.

Pointing out what he has found to be the tastiest of treats, senior Scot Mullane attempts to influence St. Ursula senior Janelle White's choice of cookies. The reception, held after the 2:00 PM Homecoming liturgy, celebrated Fr. Thomas' blessing of the athletic wing. Fr. Thomas was the superintendent of the Toledo Diocesan Catholic school system. Photo by Chris Fischer.

The tears. The wonderful tears of joy. Everyone is so happy. Friends, family, especially her little sister, Ann.

Tears. Tears of a dream come true.

Slowly, her hand brushes her face, wiping away the tears. She returns to the present.

Gently, she returns the crown to its place atop her dresser. Not a thing has left her mind. She remembers not in black and white, but in color.

For a few brief moments, yesterday was today.

His memories were totally different. As a senior football player, "the dance itself didn't mean squat. It was the game that mattered."

Bob Nicholson remembers it well. "Seniors who played last year felt responsible for losing the Irish Knight. We had to get

it back. We were obligated."

Doug Kasubski was in agreement. "We had to get rid of the bitter taste from last year. It would have been impossible to enjoy the dance if we didn't win. Central is always one of the two biggest rivals. On top of that, we had to prove ourselves. We needed the computer points for a shot at states."

Yes, Homecoming meant different things to different people, yet the effect of the week was the same everywhere. People were frantic. Some peeled off shirts. Others painted their faces and chests. Everyone was hyped up.

"The week was definitely worthwhile," Kasubski said. "We knew that the fans supported us. That drove it home. It made us more excited and definitely

helped us accomplish the task we had."

True, different people had different perspectives on Homecoming; however, the result was the same. It produced the most intense, and best, game of the year. □

— Nick Kurek

## A ROYAL DATE.

Caught up in the excitement of the evening, senior Chris DiSalle laughs at Homecoming Queen Ruth Mannes' joke. The couple's friendship goes back to the summer between their freshmen and sophomore years. Chris recalled, "We met at a synchronized swimming event at Laurel Hill Country Club. Ruth needed help with the lights for the show. After the show, I was kidding her about Khalil Rafadi [a guy she liked]. She threw a cup of ice in my face so I picked her up, stood over the edge of the pool, and pretended like I was going to throw her in. Someone came up from behind and pushed us both in." Photo by Chris Fischer.



## MOTLEY CREW.

Their boyish enthusiasm unleashed for the Homecoming parade, seniors Tim Welch, Kevin Noonan, Doug Shears, Bill Goodyear, Dave Bodner, Scott Hadley, Curt Koslovsky, Jeff

Kujawa, Jay Lawniczak, Dave Aman, Bob Masters, and Craig Bickle demonstrate their pride and spirit in St. Francis. Senior Matt Casey's van transported the 12 seniors from the school's parking

lot to the front gate of the University of Toledo's Glass Bowl for the contest against Central Catholic. The Knights thrashed the Irish, 31-15, bringing the Irish Knight home. Photo by Eric Aschmeier.





Jeffrey Burtcher 11



Aaron Calkins 9



Todd Camargo 9



Jeremy Carey 11



Christopher  
Carroll 9



H. Keller Casey 11



Brent Casper 9



Martin Castro 10



James Cayce 9



They wanted to show their appreciation. At the first home basketball game, they decided to

# Take a STAND

**L**et's say for now you're old enough to legally purchase an Ohio Lotto ticket.

Now let's say, in spiritual unison, that you picked the right six numbers. (They were, of course, 4, 7, 11, 12, 23 and 27.) You won the jackpot estimated at \$1.2 million. (It was a slow week for the lottery commission.)

What would you do with the money? Invest it, vacation, buy a Testarossa, a 20-piece drum set, a 58-foot Bertram, ...

No, you wouldn't. You would donate it to St. Francis like a good Knight. Yeah, right.

Well, you probably wouldn't do that, unless you were interested in canonization, but

you might be asked for a little help with the balance of money not yet donated to the Silver Knight II campaign.

The 12 Nautilus machines, Olympic free weight benches, and two Universal machines were available to all athletic teams for conditioning and to those who wanted to keep in shape on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Alumni were able to join the Knight Club for a nominal monthly fee.

The Pit extension behind the south backboard provided freshmen wrestlers with a new practice area.

Most importantly, though, the new wing was a shot in the arm for the school. As a terrific selling point to

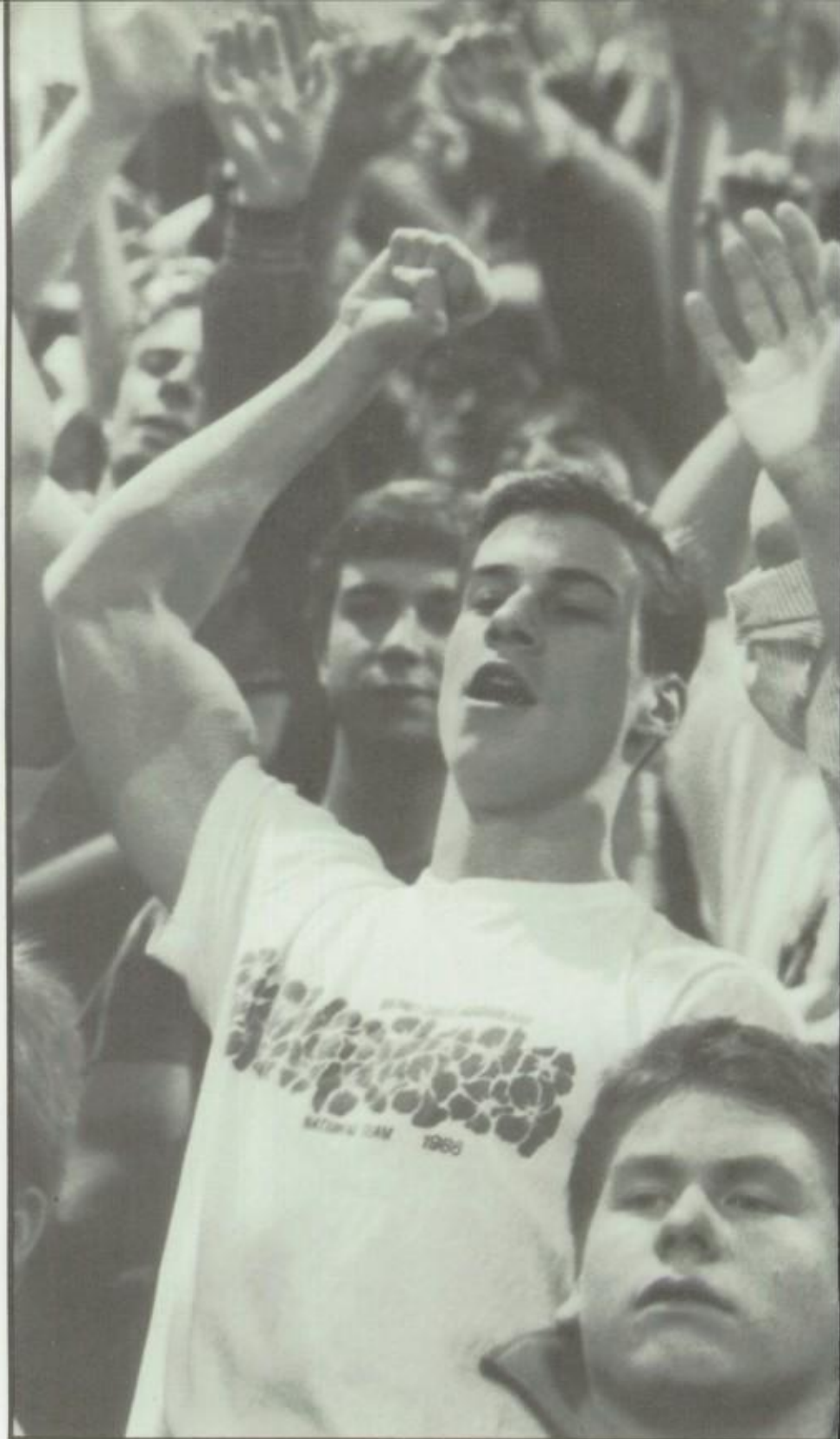
eighth graders and their parents, as a new cheering section for home athletic events, and as a more attractive and modern pool facility, the extension added diversity to an already solid athletic program.

Now go out and buy those Lotto tickets. The campaign still needs a few bucks, and you could be just the right benefactor. □

— Scot Mullane

## AN ADDITIONAL CHEER.

With flailing arms and taunting screams, seniors Chris DiSalle and Scott Hadley attempt to distract a Cardinal Stritch player's free throw from the new bleachers in the south end of the Pit. Chris believed the new stands offered the team "more crowd support. They also gave us a chance to be rowdier than ever." Photo by Chris Fischer.



Michael Chamberlin 9  
Bradley Chester 10  
Matthew Chojnacki 9  
Erick Christian 10  
Stephen Christie 10  
Jeffrey Christophers 11  
Stephen Chryst 10  
Nicholas Chuhy 9  
Scott Clark 9



Patrick Clear 9  
Matthew Clymer 10  
Pariss Coleman 11  
Michael Collins 10  
Matthew Connell 10  
Curtis Cotton 11  
Craig Cousino 10  
Todd Coykendall 9  
Allan Cunningham 9



David Cunningham 9  
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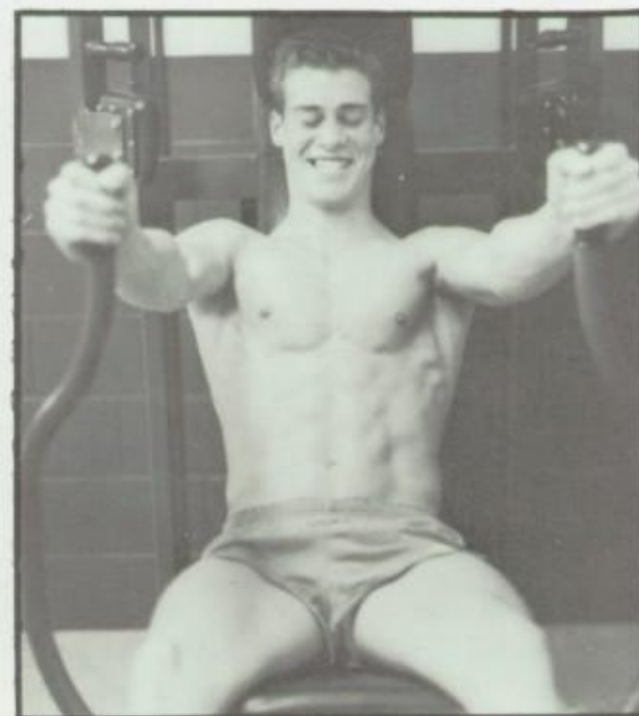


#### MEMORABLE MELODIES.

Providing the music for the new cheering section dedication, senior Jim Schwind leads the Pep Band through a rendition of the Beatles 1960s hit, "Twist and Shout." Jim felt the expansion of the Pit was "a plus. It gave students a unique place to sit and it got the Pep Band closer to the students." Photo by Chris Carper.

#### PUMPING IRON.

Putting the weight room facilities to good use, senior Chris DiSalle works on one of the 12 Nautilus machines. The athletic addition was an important recruitment incentive. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Jerrold Demski 10  
Michael Dent 11  
Philip Dery 9  
J. Eric Dettinger 9  
Robert Dettinger 11  
Daniel Devine 10  
Kevin Devine 11  
Devon DeWees 11  
Matthew DeWitt 9

Darren Dick 11  
Karim Dickinson 9  
Ted Dittman 9  
Rayman Dixon 9  
Louis Dombek 10  
Matthew Dombek 10  
Kevin Doniere 10  
Terrance Donnal 11  
Timothy Downing 9

Keith Dressel 10  
Brian Duck 9  
Christopher Duger 9  
Myron Duhart 11  
William Dunston 11  
Jason Duris 9  
Michael Dusseau 10  
Dennis Duszynski 10  
Russell Duvall 10



Robert Dvorak 9  
 Gary Earl 10  
 Craig Eastop 9  
 Drew Eisinger 10  
 Chad Emmenecker 9



Thomas Eppard 11  
 Eric Erickson 10  
 Mark Essex 9  
 John Fall 9  
 Daniel Farmer 11



Paul Farmer 11  
 Joshua Farthing 11  
 David Faylor 9  
 Thomas Fearer 9  
 Brian Fedor 9



Robert Feldhaus 9  
 Justin Fenwick 11  
 Ashley Fernandes 10  
 Earl Fernandes 9  
 Shannon Findling 10



Craig Fink 11  
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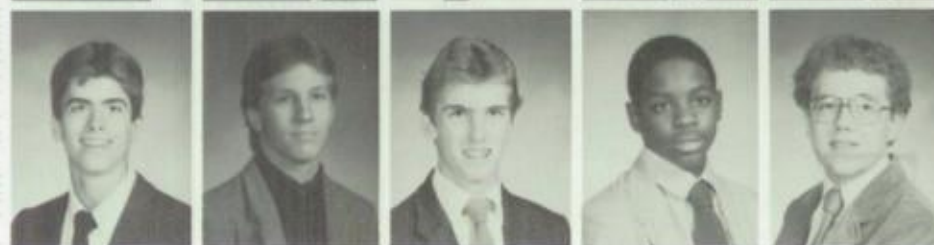
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Craig Gabel 9  
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 Scott Gardner 11  
 Theodore Garrett 10



Chad Garrison 11  
 Michael Georgevich 11  
 James Gercak 11  
 Christopher Gibbons 9  
 Aaron Giles 10







When the doors were thrown open, in rushed the

# Young, WILD, and Free

**T**hey were the perfect way to listen to good music, meet girls, and enjoy a whole-somely awesome time. They were few and far between, but they served their purpose well. They were

## DANCE FEVER.

Decked out in a Polo, cardigan, and wayfarers, junior Pete Ludlow enjoys the music of The RIZE Band at the opening school dance. Dances provided a wholesome party atmosphere for underclassmen and a chance to have fun without trouble. Photo by Bill McFerron.

dances, St. Francis style.

As students mixed and mingled on the dance floor, they seldom gave much thought to the reason for the dance. They were there for a good time. Nothing else mattered.

Dances provided a chance to break a few of the school's rules in the school building without getting in trouble.

Dances most often attracted an impressive number of underclassmen. Seniors scorned them as something

from their childhood, something that filled the time before they got their driver's license.

Despite the fact they met slight opposition, they continued to offer good times in the comfortable security of a second home.

Who cared what others thought? It was a time to set and stay true to your own standards of fun. There were girls to be met and good music to enjoy. It was time to be a boy and love every minute of it. □

— Tim Pearsall



## A CHANCE ENCOUNTER.

Dancing slowly, junior Jeff Miller whispers to Danielle. Jeff was one in a growing number of students who preferred to attend Student Council dances stag because, as he explained, "it's easier to pick up different girls that way." Photo by Bill McFerron.



## LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL.

Intent on having a good time, juniors Mark Hanusz and Chris Fischer dance to the music of *High Society*. "Dances are really a lot of fun," Mark explained. "I can act crazy with my friends and not care what other people think." Photo by Bill McFerron.



Exceeding their quota by \$7,876, students showed their eagerness to financially support the school. Sure, Funarama was a good time, but students realized its value. They worked hard. They weren't

# Just CLOWNING Around

**C**ome to school on a Sunday? Why would anyone want to do that?

This particular Sunday, however, wasn't your ordinary, go-to-church, visit-grandma Sunday. It was Funarama Sunday. It was a Sunday most students came to school and actually enjoyed being there, at that.

The Funarama cam-

paign began long before the actual weekend rolled around. Fr. Olszewski started the campaign in early February with a school-wide pep talk. He reminded each student of his Christian obligation to serve the school. He reminded them that this campaign was the only time all year the administration asked students to raise money. He reminded them of

their \$40 quota. He reminded them of the free day.

Responsible for the majority of Funarama's gross intake, the raffle netted \$39,796, well above the original quota of \$31,920. The fun of Funarama didn't rest in the money or all the preparations, though.

The rewards of Funarama went far beyond the excitement of the day or the money collected. Students rel-

ished the day off the next morning as the school underwent a massive clean-up. Those who met their quota also enjoyed a second day off in late April or early May at the discretion of their class officers.

The school benefited greatly from the revenue the month-long campaign generated. The money was contributed to the Silver Knight II campaign

and used to finance the pool's refurbishing and the construction of the athletic wing.

Most important, though, the school drew together as a community, directing its talents at a common goal. People cooperated and had a good time in the process.

Maybe coming to school one Sunday out of the year wasn't such a bad idea after all. □

— Mark Thrun



## IN THE BLACK.

Carefully listening to Mr. James Olszewski call numbers, senior Brian Fuller, Whitmer sophomore Shelly Lino, and junior Rob Ross play a game of four corners. Photo by Bob Hessler.

## THE BIG PAYOFF.

Exuberant that he held the winning hand, junior Chris Fischer awaits his payoff. Funarama proved to be an easy way for students to win, and lose, a lot of money. Photo by Bob Hessler.



Gregory Goettner 10  
Matthew Gongwer 10  
Robert Good 9  
William Gospodarek 11  
Pierre Gosset 11  
Robert Graham 10  
Gary Gralak 9  
Christopher Granata 9  
Robert Granata 11

Jerome Gray 9  
Matthew Gregor 11  
Jayme Grim 10  
Todd Grohnke 9  
Gregory Gyurko 9  
Michael Hague 11  
Gary Hahn 10  
Robert Hall 9  
Christopher Hammer 10







#### AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE.

Distracted by the clown's antics, father and daughter share the excitement of Funarama together. The only student fundraiser of the year, Funarama encouraged students to make a financial contribution to the school to prevent their tuitions from skyrocketing beyond the already high cost of living. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### ALL DRESSED UP.

With a gentle, artistic touch, Notre Dame senior Debbie Olszewski paints her sophomore sister's face. A clown for the previous five years, Debbie applied fellow clown's make-up for the first time at Funarama 1986. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Arnold Hancock 9  
Mark Hanusz 11  
Edward Harley 10  
Matthew Harman 10  
Eric Harmon 9  
Daniel Harrington 11  
Timothy Hasan 9  
Robert Hawk 11  
Darrell Hawley 11

Matthew Hawley 11  
Mark Hayden 11  
Robert Healy 10  
Jason Heerdegen 9  
Jay Heininger 10  
John Henkel 9  
Timothy Henkel 10  
Todd Hennessy 9  
Anthony Hess 9



Brett Hickman 9  
Bryan Himebaugh 9



Michael Hoefflin 10  
Arthur Holland 10



Elton Holland 9  
Steven Homrighaus 9



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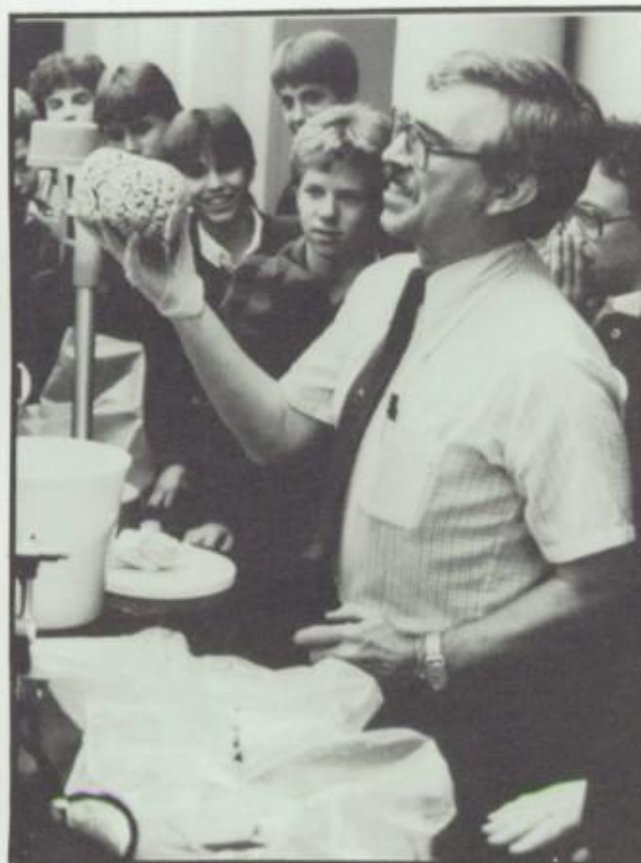
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Chad Jaegle 10







#### MIND GAMES.

Brain in hand, biology instructor Mr. Larry Hubbell explains the basic divisions of the human brain to a group of eighth graders from Gesu. Gesu was one of 40 area grade schools that visited St. Francis in October. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### SHED A LITTLE LIGHT.

Explaining the publications game to a prospective student, senior Dave Bodner shows one of the functions of the light table. "I enjoyed helping out in recruitment," Dave said, "because I was able to help the school." Photo by Bill McFerron.



When the recruits flocked to St. Francis in October, they were in for more than the typical tour. Eighth graders with an open mind were privileged to receive

# A WORD from the Wise

**P**icture this. You're an eighth grader and you have visited three schools in as many days. Now it's time to see St. Francis. To be honest, your top priorities are how long it will take and what the snack will be.

You open the front

#### A HEAVY DECISION.

Not quite sure of the situation he has gotten himself into, eighth grader Michael Dunn of St. Hedwig's gives one of the new Nautilus machines a trial run under the direction of Mr. Val Glinka. The new wing's weight room awed visitors, helping St. Francis stand out as the most intelligent choice for a boy interested in a well-rounded education. Photo by Chris Fischer.

door and you're swept off your feet. There's a spirit that flows from the place that doesn't come close to matching Central, Stritch, or St. John's.

You're led around by an energetic senior. You feel the excitement in his voice and the pride in his explanations. When you approach the Band room, you're overwhelmed as the whole tower shakes with musical enthusiasm.

For the 300+ eighth graders who visited from 40 area grade schools, that was the experience of seeing St. Francis in action. Spirit. Surrounded by spirit. From the senior tour guides right up to

Fr. Olszewski himself, everyone put his best foot forward and gave potential freshmen a taste of what the next four years held. The cards were on the table. The decision was theirs.

Although no aspect of school life was ignored, the unique possibilities the weight room and rebuilt swimming pool offered were stressed. "They [the eighth graders] were excited when they were allowed to use the equipment. They listened to a senior's explanation and then had a senior talk them through a simple exercise," Fr. Olszewski explained.

Fr. Marty Lukas also

sensed a special interest among the visitors. He found them intrigued with the various science labs and captivated by the slide show presentation narrated by senior Jim Dettinger and his freshman brother, Eric. They took advantage of the question and answer period after the slide show to put to rest any fears or stereotypes they held about high school in general or St. Francis in particular.

Three schools in three days. Needless to say, they were a little overwhelmed. But the cards were on the table. The decision was theirs. □

— Marc Kessler



### COOKIES CURE.

Slowly recovering from donating a pint of blood, graduate Andy Weisenburger munches on some chocolate chip cookies. Friday, May 16 was Andy's second time giving blood for the school's Red Cross campaign. "I wasn't as scared as the first time," Andy explained. "Knowing what to expect helped a great deal." Photo by Tom Welch.



### A DRAINING EXPERIENCE.

Cautious of the procedure he is about to undergo, senior Doug Shears watches Mrs. Mary Ann Bell, R.N., check for a healthy vein. Doug, who was first in line at 8:30

AM, gave blood because "if I ever needed some, I'd like to think that someone would do the same for me." Doug was one of 115 students and 10 faculty members to respond to the Red Cross' plea. Photo by Tom Welch.



Nicholas Jakutowicz 9  
John Jesionowski 9  
Joshua Johnson 9  
James Jones 10  
Timothy Jones 10  
Matthew Joyner 10  
Donald Kaczmarek 9  
Thomas Kaczmarek 11  
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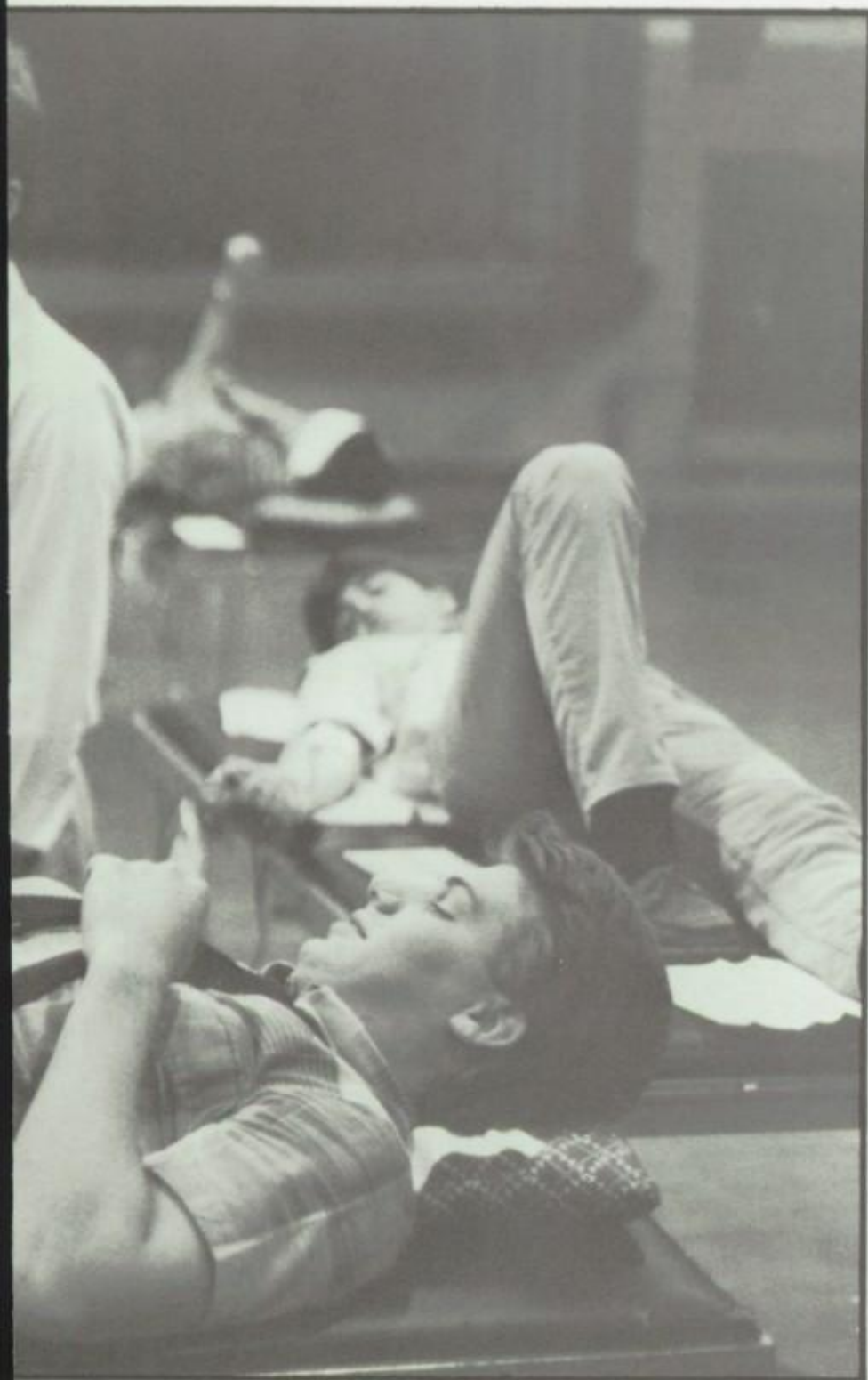
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Joseph Kapela 9  
Wade Kapszukiewicz 9  
Mark Karmel 10  
James Karocki 10  
Jeffrey Karpanty 11  
Marc Kaspietzke 11



Ryan Kaspietzke 9  
Michael Kasprzak 10  
Jeffrey Kasubski 10  
Dennis Kazmierczak 11  
Brian Keefe 9  
Christopher Kelch 10  
J. Karl Kemberling 10  
Thomas Kemper 10  
Paul Kennedy 11







Those who participated in Bloodmobile demonstrated that

# It's Better to GIVE Than to Receive

**I**t tended to be draining. It had the potential to be a knock-out.

It was a loss that ended up as a gain.

It was the annual Bloodmobile.

Although some considered the blood drive to be a one day affair, its efforts began long before the donation day.

#### THE RIGHT TYPE.

Terrified by the three previous donors' having passed out, senior Steve Drager attempts to remain calm and collected as he prepares to donate a pint of blood. Steve gave blood because he "wanted to do my part where there was a need." Photo by Tom Welch.

Coordination involved the scheduling of hours of donors and volunteers. Most of the aides spent the entire day in preparation — before school set-up, various duties during donation time, and after school clean-up. The various duties included registering old and new donors, assisting the Red Cross nurses in checking medical histories, aiding in blood collection, and providing care for post-donation donors.

Post donation. That created the most hectic situations. Occasionally a fresh donor would seat himself at the refreshment table, suddenly turn white, and pass out.

In appreciation of the efforts of over 80 donors at St. Francis, and similar efforts throughout the city's high schools, the Red Cross sponsored an appreciation luncheon at Meadowbrook Hall. Mrs. Watkins and five seniors represented the school and accepted a plaque of recognition.

The loss of blood was draining.

The loss of blood knocked some out.

The loss of blood, however, did mean gains for transfusion recipients, gains which gave the gift of life. No luncheon could match *that* appreciation. □

— Norm Frankowski



Daniel Kenney 10  
Matthew Kern 10  
Kevin Kerscher 9  
Eric Kertz 11  
Mark Ketrz 10  
Marc Kessler 9  
Paul Ketterman 11  
Vincent King 9  
Kevin Kiplinger 9

Austin Klapp 10  
Paul Kleeberger 9  
Charles Klein 10  
James Knaggs 11  
James Knauer 9  
Andre Knighten 10  
Scott Kolby 9  
Kenneth Komorny 11  
Kevin Koprowski 9

Scott Koprowski 10  
Christopher Kosinski 10  
Craig Koslovsky 9  
Sean Kotecki 10  
Douglas Kovacs 9  
Jeffery Krochmalny 10  
Edmund Kruk 9  
Chad Kujawa 9  
Scott Kulwicki 9



The Knights boasted of a unique spirit. They were

# A STEP Ahead

**T**he stands fill, the band plays, the students cheer, and the cheerleaders begin their routine.

Fr. Marty walks up to the microphone, ready to officially open the rally. How does he prepare?

"I have so many feelings," Father offered, "like hope, dread, fear, and excitement. I never know how one [a pep rally] will be. The key to a successful rally isn't me, the program, or the speaker. It's the students. If they're up, it's on fire, and if they

#### MALE MOCKERY.

Displaying senior Craig Bickle's homemade sign, the student section expresses their feelings about St. John's all-male cheerleading squad. The banner made its debut during halftime. Craig explained, "We had thought about it [making the sign] since sophomore year, but no one did anything until now. We all hate SJ's cheerleaders and we just wanted them to know it." Photo by Marc Kaspietzke.

are down, it's flat. I always go up wondering, 'How's the spirit?' "

School spirit isn't merely energy stored until needed at a pep rally; rather, it is the enthusiasm and support students show as they participate in school life. Soccer, cross country, and track all offer the student body a chance to become an active part of this community.

Junior Dan Harrington, a varsity cross country runner, felt participation was an irreplaceable ingredient in catching school spirit. "If you don't participate, you don't really get the full experience," Dan explained. That's why Dan ran cross country.

Fr. Marty disagreed with Dan slightly. "I wouldn't say must, although it does help," he suggested.

Student involvement was the key. Even students recognized that. Claud Meyers was

one such individual. "I believe the people, and I mean *everybody*, tries to do what is best for the school."

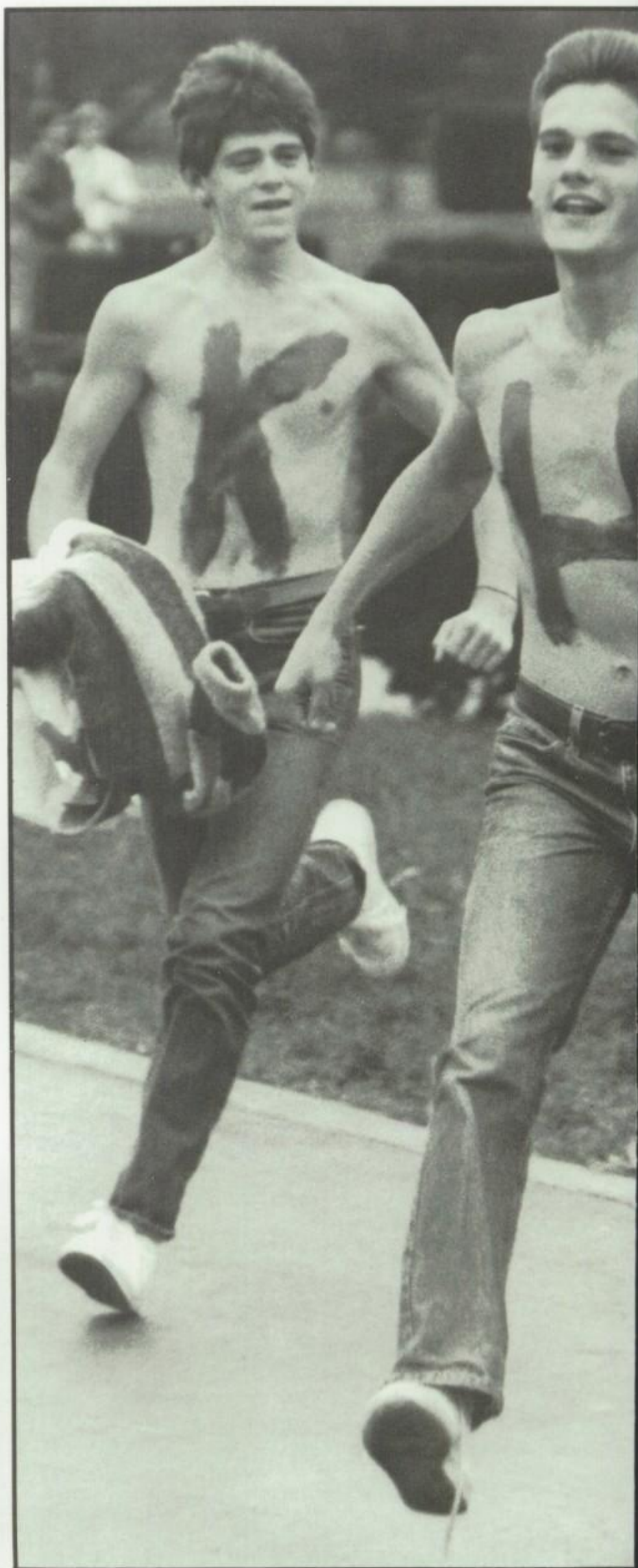
Sport activities are not the only factor in school spirit, or at least Brother Jim Roth hoped not. "School spirit comes from liking what you do and accomplish. Happy people are enthusiastic people."

Enthusiasm is the greatest factor. You don't support what you don't enjoy. For the most part, your personal passion for an activity is a prerequisite to sharing your spirit. □

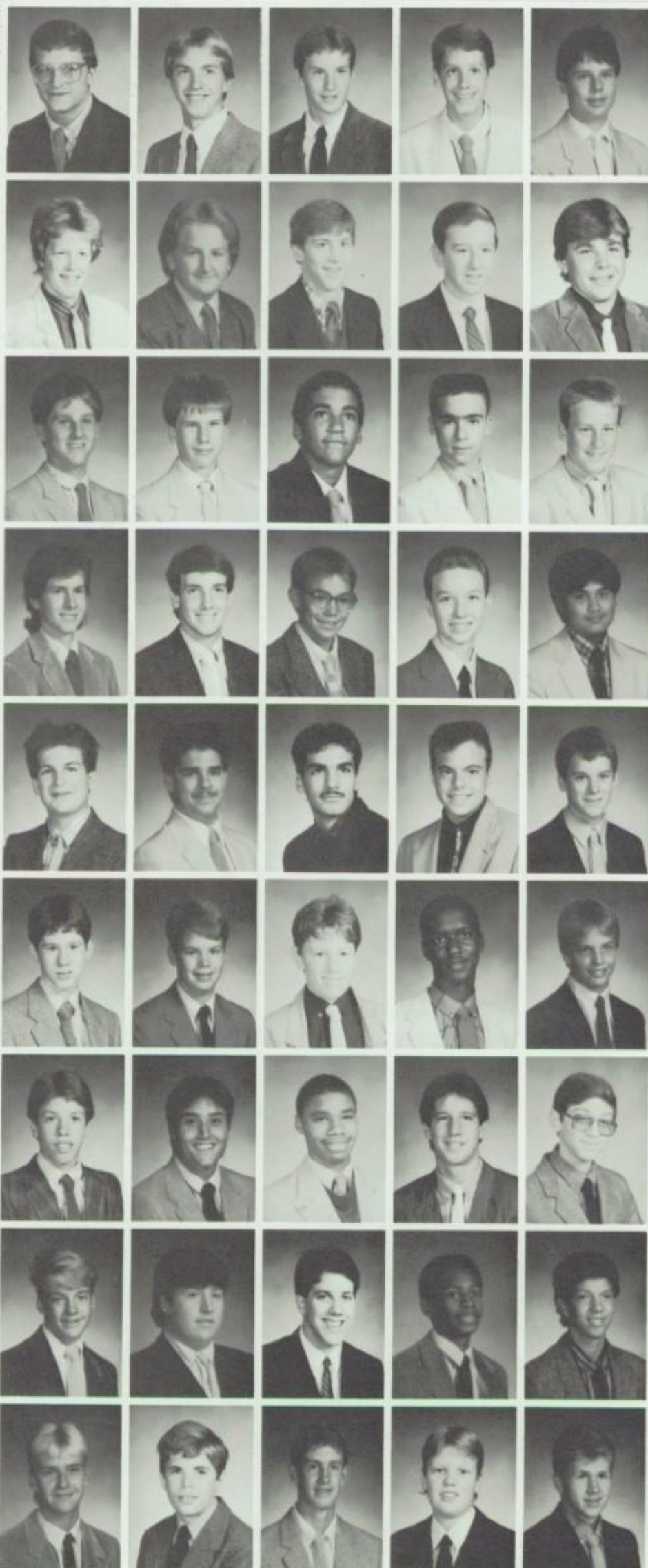
— Kevin Branyan

#### FLASH THAT WINNING SMILE.

Inspired by the football team's dominating season, Matt Casey (K), Jay Lawniczak (H), and Bob Masters (S), along with five other seniors, exemplify St. Francis spirit with painted chests that spell out KNIGHTS! That support was instrumental in the team's runaway victory over Central, 31-15. Photo by Brandon Yanez.







Matthew Kurek 10  
Daniel Kurth 11  
Jeffery Kurth 10  
Brian Kurucz 9  
Paul Kuyoth 9

Randy Kuyoth 10  
Dale Kwapich 9  
Gregory Kwiatkowski 10  
Jay Kwiatkowski 9  
Jeremy LaCourse 10

Gerald Lager 9  
Jeffrey Landin 9  
Joshua Lanzinger 9  
Christopher Lautermilch 9  
Martin Lavey 9

Alan Lawson 11  
Brian Lazar 11  
S. Michael Lease 10  
Christopher Leazer 9  
Terence Lee 10

Andre Lemerand 10  
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Thomas Leonard 11  
Michael Leonardi 11  
Daniel Leroux 10

Derek Lick 9  
Geoffrey Ligibel 9  
Jeremy Lindsay 10  
Jason Logan 9  
Jeffery Long 11

Todd Long 9  
Christopher Lopez 10  
Jay Love 11  
Michael Lowe 10  
Andrew Lower 9

William Lucius 10  
Peter Ludlow 11  
David Lyons 11  
Adam Macklin 10  
Christopher Macy 10

Jason Mahaffey 10  
James Maher 11  
Mark Maidlow 11  
Michael Majewski 9  
Daniel Malczewski 11



### LOVE BOAT.

Sitting out the fast dance, graduate Scott Sadowski and NDA graduate Pam Beakas discuss post-dance plans. Prom was a rushed experience for varsity baseball players like Scott, who played in a 4 PM game and still managed to shower, shave, dress, and pick up their dates for the 7 PM dinner on the Arawanna Queen. Photo by Mark McGarvey.



### LISTEN CLOSELY.

Relaxed after the buffet dinner, seniors Tom Welch, Jon Cooper, and Mark Swedan enjoy some casual conversation. "It was great," Tom said. "It was surprising to find out Fr. O wasn't as conservative as I always thought he was. The boat trip was a little risky but it couldn't have gone any more smoothly." Photo by Scott Sadowski.



### ARE YOU SERIOUS?

Wining and dining in the elegance of the Hotel Sofitel, SUA graduate Molly Lynch and senior Mike Kwiatkowski laugh at Mike's retelling of the afternoon's baseball game. Photo by Tom Welch.



Kenneth Malik 9  
Aaron Mallett 10  
John Mangas 9  
Mark Mansoir 10  
Jason Mantel 9  
Dean Mariea 11  
Scott Markiecki 10  
John Martin 10  
Brian Matuszynski 11



Keith Mauder 9  
Steven Mayes 10  
Nolan McClain 10  
William McFerron 11  
Philip McGibney 9  
Christopher McGraw 10  
Randy McIntire 11  
Jeffery McLaughlin 10  
Timothy McMorland 9







Music. Dancing. Friends. Punch. Laughter. Excitement. It's Prom. You're having the time of your life and don't want to be doing anything else. The excitement has been building. You want to explode. Oh, this is

# Too Much to HANDLE

**N**o one had ever done it before. No one will ever do it again.

The plan formed in September. Even before Homecoming festivities had left the drawing board, Senior Class President Mark DANCE FEVER.

Enjoying a lighthearted moment at St. Ursula's prom, graduates Jeff Mul-lane and Jackie Lora laugh at Dave Jakubowski and Janelle White's floor antics. Jeff and Jackie attended both the St. Francis and St. Ursula proms together. Photo by Tom Welch.

Swedan called a meeting to discuss prom — the traditional dance of high school dances. He and his officers had investigated the possibilities of prom floating — on board the Arawanna Queen, that is.

There existed a need for commitment among potential dance goers. Those who planned on attending had to promise to eat on board. A certain number of dinners were necessary for the deal to fall into place with the owners of the Queen. A vast majority of the class responded

positively, and no obstacles remained.

No school had ever held its prom on the Queen before. The nautical reminders permeated the air — the aroma of the riverfront, the fresh yet chilly breezes, the rumbling of the ship's engines, and the soft lights as the vessel cruised.

The contract, however, did not require everyone to eat on the Queen. Those who chose to dine elsewhere had until 9:30 to embark before the Queen began her cruise.

With the traditional faculty and parental chaperones, celebrations commenced at 7:30 with a buffet dinner. Following the feast, time was available for strolling along the Portside Festival Marketplace. Shortly after 9:30, the Arawanna Queen left its moorings and began a two hour cruise through the Maumee River.

En route, couples had opportunities for formal pictures with the Arawanna Queen insignia in the background. Meanwhile, the upper deck was

open for dance breaks and observation of the river's views.

No sooner had the prom attendants safely tucked away their memories than the Arawanna Queen found itself on the auction block at the end of the cruise season. The owners no longer considered the pleasure cruiser profitable.

Profitable? Probably not. Nevertheless, without any challenge, prom on the Arawanna Queen truly earned the label of a "once in a lifetime experience." □

— Norm Frankowski



Kevin Merkle 11  
Claud Meyers 10  
Jon Meyers 10  
Martin Michaelson 10  
Kirk Mieczkowski 10  
Michael Miedler 9  
Brian Milek 9  
Brett Miller 9  
David Miller 10

Jeffery Miller 11  
Scott Miller 10  
Sean Miller 10  
Nicholas Mingione 10  
Thomas Mitcham 9  
Matthew Moffitt 10  
Patrick Moharter 10  
Michael Molinari 11  
Marc Monnette 11



Nicholas  
Mantalbano 10



Gregory Moore 9



James Moore 10



Steven Moore 9



Brad Moores 11



Jason Morano 10



Michael Morgan 11



James Moriarty 9



A.R. Morris 9





The music of the '80s came in a variety of shapes and sizes. Be it punk, new wave, or heavy metal, artists promised their audiences

# SATISFACTION

## Guaranteed

**I** can still remember the last time AC/DC came to

Toledo. It was my junior year. I had a New Testament test the next day, but I knew what was more important. I mean, how often would I get the chance to crowd into a bathroom to share a sink with three strangers, get my coat stolen, tear up my ampits on the Sports Arena front row fence, get thrown off-stage by some 300 pound bouncer, and

### LAND OF CONFUSION.

Soaked in the sweat of a tiring performance, Phil Collins takes a break after dazzling the audience with Genesis' latest release, "Land of Confusion," from the platinum album, *Invisible Touch*. Phil proved by the sellout tour of his solo album, *No Jacket Required*, that he could do it alone, as well as with his group, Genesis. Photo by Rock Music Services.

get mooned by Angus Young? Peter and Paul could wait.

Bands and singers were very important to teenagers. They permitted them to escape parents, school, and the rest of life.

Some bands have been around awhile and are considered good. Some are fads that burst on and off the scene. Some are legends.

Rap music has gained popularity recently, thanks to performers like Whodini, The Beastie Boys, L.L. Cool J, and Run-DMC. Rap had a style all its own, characterized by synthesizers, scratching, and rhyming lyrics that have a message to convey.

Heavy metal music had its audience. Although bands like Bon Jovi, Motley Crew, and Quiet Riot have had the notoriety in recent years, it was bands like KISS, AC/DC, and Ju-

das Priest, the ones that have stood the test of time, that were true heavy metal.

"KISS is the best metal band, probably the best band period," said UT freshman Denny Rose. "They've been around a lot of years and have always put out the best songs. As long as they still have Gene [Simmons], you won't find a bigger KISS fan than me."

The legends are few and far between. The two that have influenced modern music the greatest are Led Zeppelin and The Beatles. Their songs are some of the most requested ballads of all time, despite the fact that Led Zeppelin has not played together for seven years and The Beatles for seventeen.

"Any group still popular after 20 years has to be great," said former SFS student Jim Graybill. "The Beatles are *the* best. There is no

comparison."

"Just say 'The Best' and I know you're talking about Zeppelin," Whitmer senior Dan Pietrzak said. "I am Jimmy Page. When I hear Zep, it's a religious experience."

Led Zeppelin is credited with founding heavy metal although they don't really play heavy metal music. They wrote and recorded the most popular rock song ever, "Stairway to Heaven." Their platinum albums and resilient popularity make them a legend.

'The Best.'

— Max Manley

### LOVE AT FIRST STING.

Letting the crowd participate in their performance, Francis Buscholtz, Rudolph Schenker, Matthias Jabs, and Klaus Meine line up for "Rock You Like a Hurricane." The Scorpions last album, *Love at First Sting*, went platinum and brought Americans a taste of German hard rock. Photo by Rock Music Services.



### IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

As the stage lights focus in on her, Cyndi Lauper performs "Time After Time." With the release of *True Colors*, Cyndi showed the musical estab-

lishment that her talents were far deeper than the high-pitched screeching characteristic of *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*. *True Colors* received mixed reviews, although critics

acknowledged that her departure from the norm was both exciting and refreshing. Photo by Rock Music Services.



M-TV fought for its share of viewers.  
The catchy gimmicks were just a small part of

# A Notorious PERFORMANCE



Music News.  
The Cutting Edge.  
120 Minutes.

Saturday Night Concerts.

If you didn't have Cable Vision, you might not understand what these meant. If you did have cable, though, you would recognize they were all spin-offs of the king of music videos, M-TV.

There have been suggestions that M-TV's popularity has peaked and the entertainment medium is on the way out. The number of shows rushing to imitate it suggested just the opposite. Impressively enough, M-TV survived the onslaught of music video programs which followed its introduction. Shows like *Friday Night Videos*, *Night Flight*, and *VH-1* have been forced to find

their own niche to compete effectively. Many others have simply come and gone.

To help suppress the competition, M-TV provided its audience with a host of catchy contests. Often co-sponsored by clothiers and candy companies, the contests offered a wide variety of off-the-wall prizes. Painting a pink house with John Cougar Mellencamp, previewing the movie *Under the Cherry Moon* with its star, Prince, and all-expense-paid trips to Aruba and the Orient were just a few of M-TV's prize booty.

Alongside its many mad-capped gimmicks, M-TV helped sponsor charity concerts. *Live Aid*, a benefit whose proceeds were donated to relieve the African famine, was almost totally dependent on M-TV and its live coverage. Amnesty Interna-

tional's *Conspiracy of Hope* concert, a plea for the release of political prisoners around the world, relied heavily on M-TV for its exposure. Had it not been for M-TV, both of these efforts would have been in dire straights.

All told, M-TV was a great success, adding a totally new dimension to modern music. It proved that, like the rock and roll which spawned it, music videos were more than a fad.

Music Television is here to stay. □

— Steve Steinberg  
and Kevin O'Brien

## DYNAMIC DUO.

Establishing the eye contact characteristic of any close-knit group, John Taylor and Simon LeBon perform "A View to Kill." Taylor and LeBon were behind the majority of Duran Duran's hits before they split to form Arcadia. Photo by Rock Music Services.



Jeremy Mossing 11  
Billy Mouratidis 10  
Harry Mouratidis 11  
Bruce Mucci 10  
Peter Mueller 9  
John Musser 10  
Mark Naddaf 10  
James Nagy 11  
Alexander Neeb 10



Andrew Neeb 11  
Kevin Newby 9  
Anthony Newton 9  
Timothy Nicholson 10  
Demetrius Nicodemus 9  
Keith Niedermeier 11  
Jeremy Nissen 9  
Brian Noonan 10  
Douglas Norris 11



Chad Nusser 9  
Marc Nusser 10  
Jeffrey Obarski 10  
Joseph O'Leary 9  
Donald Olejnik 9  
Robert Oliver 9  
Craig Olsen 9  
Erin O'Neill 9  
Jeffrey Orlowski 9







#### TOUGH GUYS.

Clad in leather and shades, Rob Halford of Judas Priest sings "Breaking the Law" while K.K. Downing concentrates on his guitar solo. The group's loud and rebellious music is the hallmark of acid rock. Senior Mike Terpinski recalled that "Priest's live show was excellent! I saw them both times they came to the Sports Arena and it was fantastic." Photo by Rock Music Services.



#### SWEET DREAMS.

Performing during their 1983 Sweet Dreams Tour, Annie Lennox and Dave Stewart of the Eurythmics belt out "Sweet Dreams." Lennox, gifted with a male baritone voice, is well known for her orange hair

and masculine wardrobe. The Eurythmics have developed a cult attraction and gained popularity with recent hits like "Here Comes the Rain Again" and "Missionary Man." Photo by Rock Music Services.



Norman Orzechowski 9  
Jason Osterman 9  
John Ostrosky 11  
Gregg Otto 10  
Dale Oudems 11  
Todd Pack 10  
Randall Palicki 9  
Matthew Palmer 11  
Corey Parker 10

Garrin Parker 9  
Timothy Parsells 11  
Douglas Patke 11  
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Jon Pawlecki 9  
Joseph Payette 9  
Michael Peterman 10  
Frank Petersberger 10  
James Peterson 11

Jeffrey Pierce 9  
Kevin Piezer 9  
Dave Polek 11  
Jason Pollman 10  
Matthew Polster 11  
Dennis Pool 9  
Christopher Poole 11  
Christopher Pratt 10  
Kenneth Quinn 11



Little brothers. What a pain!  
Like it or not, you were

# Two of a Kind

**7** AM, Monday morning. Today is a brand new day. It's a brand new school year. It's a brand new life!

Yes, I'm in high school! Eighth grade graduation is over and I'm ready to start in the Big League.

I have an older brother, a senior, who goes to St. Francis. He always helped me in grade school and better yet, he drives. He's going to help me start the year easily.

Wait! It's already 7:30. Where's Jimbo? I get up and check on

him. He's sleeping. Why?

"Jimbo," I whisper. "Get up for school."

"Let me sleep, you big dork."

"But Jim, we've got to get going. It's almost eight!"

Leaving the room to get in the shower, I wonder why things aren't going so great, and things still aren't too good as I leave the bathroom to get the boiling water for instant oatmeal.

As I add hot water to the dry flakes, I hear Jim getting up. He doesn't shower or make

a lunch. Instead, he takes mine and says, "Thanks, frosh."

"That's mine," I say, as he grabs a tie.

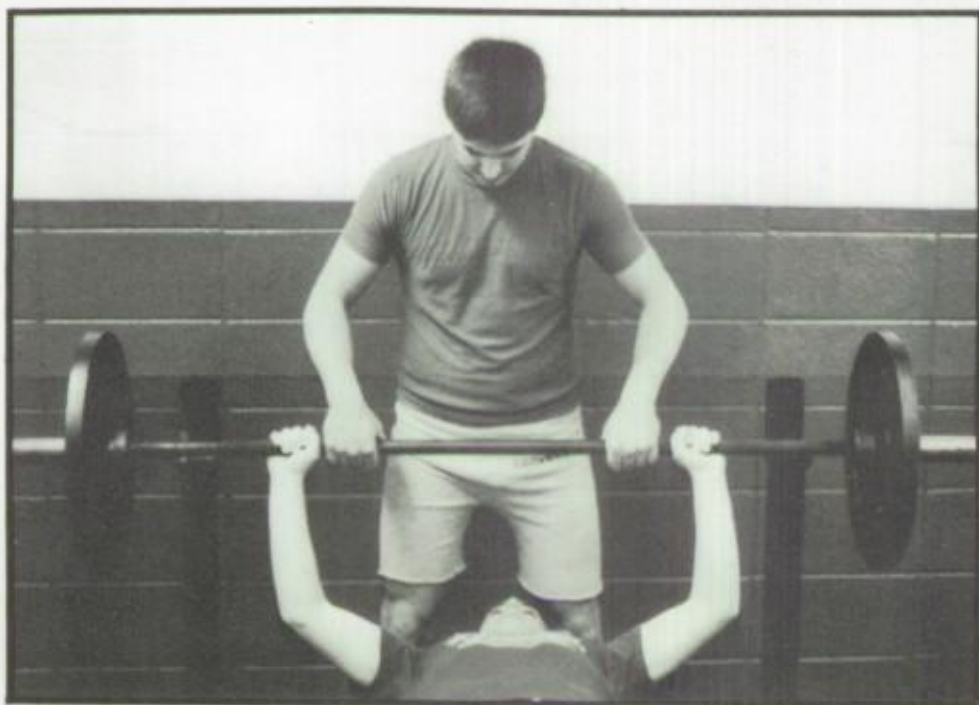
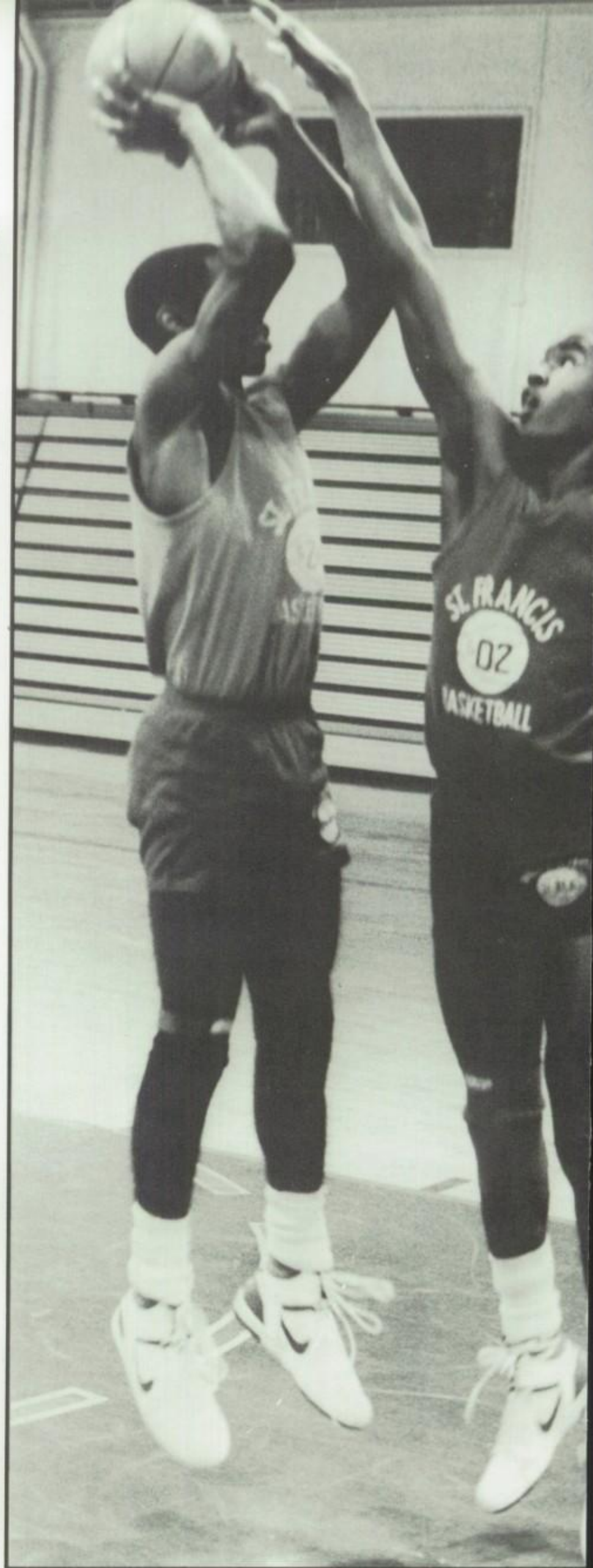
"Not anymore," he taunts.

I never did like that first day of high school. To tell the truth, the year never got better. □

— Dan Alford

## KEEPING UP ON THEIR TOES.

Defeated but not demoralized by his freshman brother Jerome's defensive strategy, senior Jeron Gray prepares to take a blind jump shot. The brothers used their athletic talents to prod each other into improving their personal games. Photo by Bob Hessler.



## AN UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE.

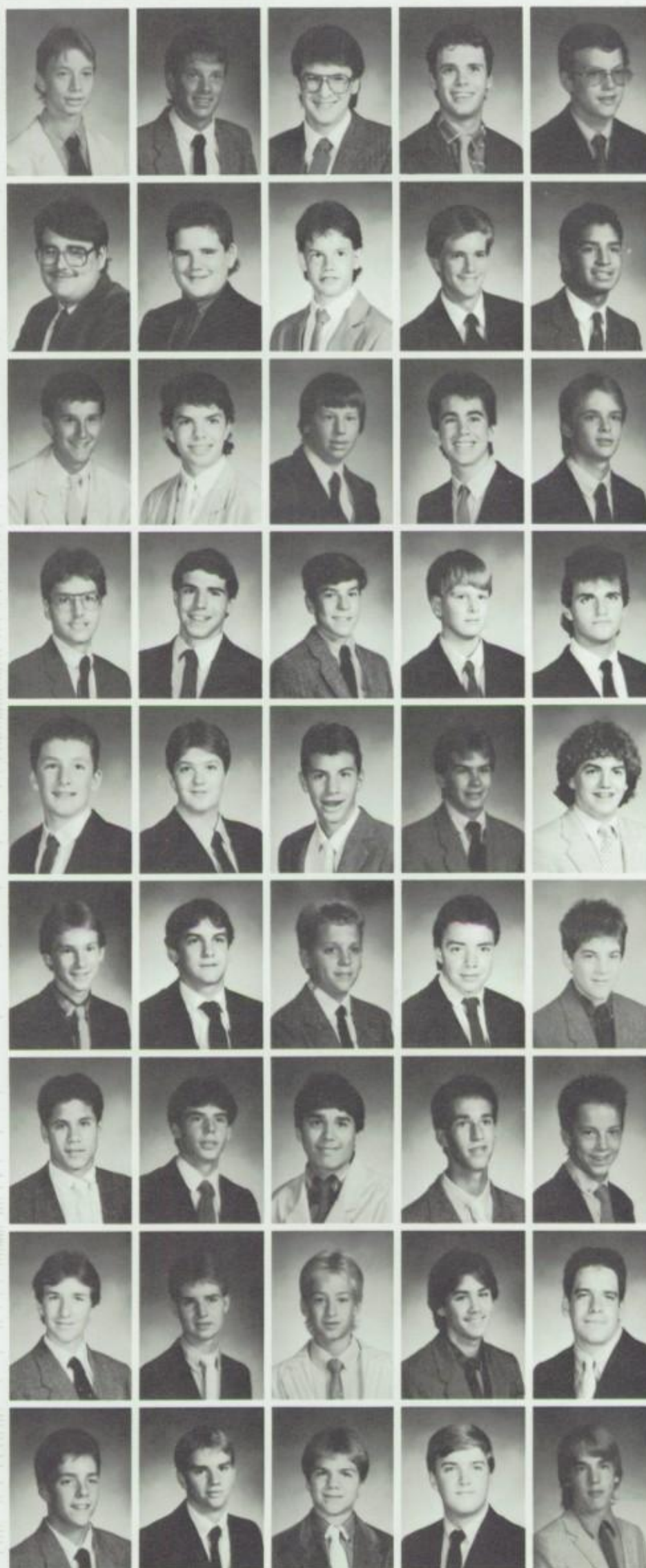
Determined to help his brother reach his fullest potential, senior Todd Clear spots freshman P.J. as he lifts his maximum, 135 lbs. Todd saw both advantages and disadvantages in being a big brother. "P.J. knows a lot of people because of me," he said, "but it's a real pain running into him in the halls." Photo by Chris Fischer.

## A HELPFUL HAND.

Baffled as to how he will remember all those names and dates for an American History test, freshman Craig Koslovsky accepts the help of his senior brother, Curt. After his first quarter report card, Craig learned how useful a brother could be, especially when that brother had already mastered the material which Craig was learning for the first time. Photo by Bill McFerron.







David Raczkowski 9  
Walter Ralph 11  
Stephen Ramasocky 11  
Paul Rance 10  
Christopher Rauch 9

Scott Rawlins 10  
William Rawlins 9  
Joseph Ray 9  
Charles Raymond 11  
Robert Reams 11

Jason Rectenwald 11  
Matthew Rehkopf 9  
Robert Reiter 9  
Matthew Riethof 10  
James Rittichier 9

Marc Robinson 11  
Kenneth Rogers 11  
Michael Romstadt 11  
Thomas Roper 9  
Robert Ross 11

Theodore Rough 9  
Douglas Rowe 11  
Michael Rudnicki 10  
Michael Rupp 11  
David Russell 11

Patrick Rybarczyk 11  
James Saba 10  
Kent Sackman 9  
Stephen Sadowski 10  
Paul Sager 9

Joseph Sanchez 11  
John Sanders 10  
Jason Sarabia 10  
Nicholas Sarantou 9  
Joshua Saum 9

Christopher Sautter 11  
Eric Savage 11  
Peter Schaal 9  
Fred Schafer 11  
Stephen Scherzer 10

John Schlageter 9  
Mark Schlagheck 11  
Terry Schmitz 9  
Robert Schnipke 11  
Brian Schoen 10



It was time to move on into the *real* world. The school you left, though, would never leave you. There were strong

# Family Ties

**A** time for sorrow. A time for joy. A time for death. A time for rebirth.

Nothing compares with the bittersweet sorrow one feels when he outgrows his past and experiences the birth pains of the new.

Graduation. It is both an ending and a beginning. It is just one of the countless transitional periods man encounters on his journey through life.

For most, the change represents independence. Mom and dad may still pay for your food, clothes, and health care, and your home may remain unchanged, the island of tranquility you've always known it as, but you're your own man. In the eyes of the world, you become a part-time adult. You're old enough to choose your own curfews, responsible enough to begin a career, and mature enough to be able to balance study and play time. On the other

hand, though, you're too young to run for Congress, legally consume alcohol, and sign for a loan without sizeable collateral.

Saying goodbye is never a simple task. Close friends, friends you were convinced would last a lifetime, leave the city, the state, and the country. The comfort and security of the school building itself is gone, never to return, even on holiday visits. It's gone. It can't be replaced.

Inevitably, seniors promise to keep in touch. Some actually will. After all, everyone will be home for the same vacations.

Jay Lawniczak isn't too worried about losing touch with people after graduation, however. "I'm going to UT. I'm not really leaving all my friends."

Life outside high school is a different animal. A world outside Toledo, Ohio exists. Your friends and experiences will lead you places you never even dreamed existed. Doug

Shears knows he "will miss the people at school, but the opportunities to meet new people will be much greater. It's a mixed blessing."

It's two ends of the same spectrum. Jim Schwind believes that "graduation is a time to be both happy and sad. I'll be happy that I'm moving from one stage of life to another and sad because, after four years, St. Francis has become a part of me. I'll miss it."

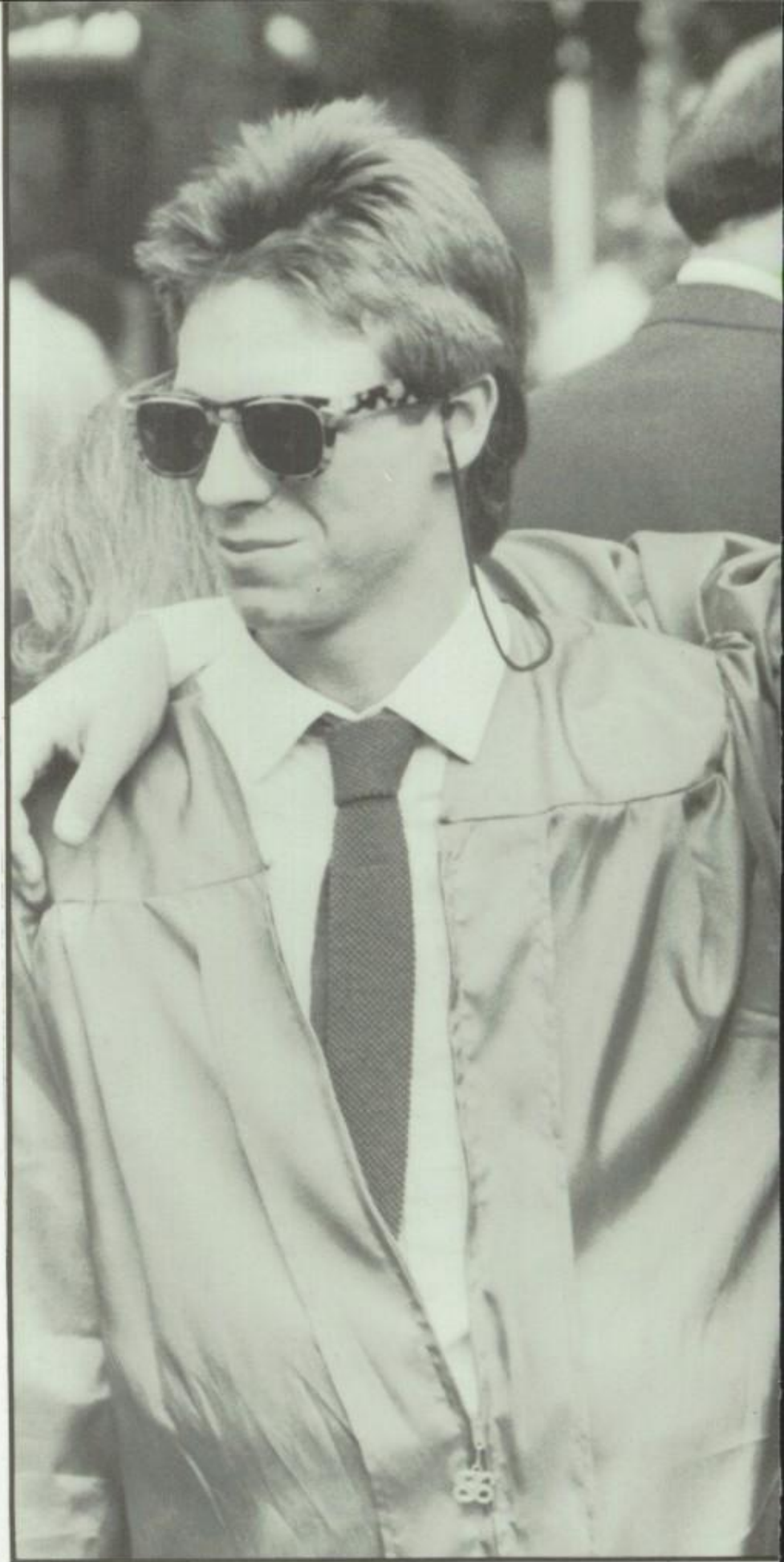
Graduation. It's one of those bittersweet times over which we have no control. It's a time for sadness. It's a time for joy.

It's a time for life. □

— Mark Thrun

## WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE.

Enjoying the first few moments of their graduate status, Mike Klug, Morgan Allen, and Kit Transue pose for a picture for the Allen's family album. The highlight of Morgan's graduation was "hearing my name called and knowing it was my turn to walk across the stage to receive my diploma." Photo by Chris Fischer.



Brian Schramko 9  
Todd Schroeder 10  
Joseph Schuller 11  
Geoffery Scott 10  
Chad Scouter 10  
Richard Semersky 9  
Robert Seng 10  
Mark Shanahan 11  
Joseph Shannon 9



Andrew Shawaker 11  
Derek Shinaberry 11  
Jeffrey Shriner 9  
Jonathon Shultz 10  
Steven Sickmiller 10  
Thomas Simon 11  
Michael Skaff 9  
Jonathon Skiba 9  
Patrick Skinner 11







#### YOU SAY WHAT?

Momentarily out of line-up, graduate Kit Transue takes a look at Jay Updegraff's personalization of his mortarboard. Jay's "HI MOM" brought a round of applause when he received his diploma. Jay was one of two graduates nominated for the Provincial Award. The award was presented to valedictorian Norm Frankowski. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### THE FINAL PREPARATIONS.

Moments before the Baccalaureate procession, Mr. Carl Janke and graduates Mark Swedan and Jon Cooper review protocol for entry into Gesu. As Senior Class President and Vice-President, Mark

and Jon were the first two graduates to receive their diplomas. In addition to his Student Council responsibilities, Swedan played varsity water polo and swam at the varsity level all four years of high school. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Daniel Smith 11  
James Smith 10  
T.J. Smith 9  
Ryan Smith 9  
Craig Smolenski 10  
John Snider 9  
Dean Sniegowski 9  
H. Ryan Snodgrass 9  
Brain Snyder 9

Christopher Snyder 9  
Cory Snyder 10  
Craig Snyder 10  
Michael Snyder 11  
Douglas Sosko 9  
Anthony Spinazze 9  
Albert Sprenger 9  
Bruce Stahl 9  
David Stark 10



Jason Stefanski 10  
Stephen Steinberg 11



Patrick Stewart 9  
Brian Stoffel 10



Craig Stolz 10  
Spencer Stone 11



John Stover 11  
Timothy Stover 9



Mark Strause 9  
Scott Striggow 9



Ramzi Sulayman 9  
Grant Summers 11



Edward Szabo 10  
Jeffrey Szazda 10



Timothy Szazda 10  
Bradley Szutienko 11



Ian Taronji 10  
Christopher Taylor 9





It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. They were your times. They're over now. It's now

# *A Time for* **Goodbyes**

**S**enioritis was over. Exams were over. Privileges were over. Indeed, all the high school rah-rah was over. Yes, graduation and commence-

#### A WELL-BACKED EMOTION.

With an affectionate squeeze, NDA junior Margie Stoll congratulates her freshly-graduated brother, Jim. Hugs and kisses were the norm in post-graduation conversations. Photo by Chris Fischer.

ment marked a beginning in an end.

Saturday, June 8, saw the Class of 1986 finally succumb to the call of time. Tradition ruled. Gesu gathered the unit one last time in an hour of prayer.

#### THE LAST LAUGH.

Enjoying the relaxed atmosphere of the Peristyle's east lawn, graduate Jeff Mullane and Fr. John Lindsay share a laugh. Jeff, Father's second period TA, left for the University of Cincinnati in September to study business. Photo by Mark Hanusz.

That Baccalaureate Mass enveloped one final address from Fr. O, a general blessing, and an anticipation of the afternoon's festivities. Tradition ruled.

The Peristyle. The hallowed ground of St. Francis classes of old provided a Greek architectural setting for a classical ceremony. Dr. James McComas, President of the University of Toledo, provided the commencement address. This concluded the pomp. The only

item remaining was the circumstance — the circumstance of diploma distribution. Tradition ruled.

Fr. Marty Lukas read each name. Each face glimmered with an expression. For some it was happiness, others relief, and even a few exasperation. That little slip of paper completed 16 quarters of secondary education. The school sent off its products to a variety of higher level institutions. Tradition ruled.

Following the ceremony, mortarboards flew, flashes flashed, and a sense of accomplishment reigned. A final recessional marked the end of an era.

For some, years of consternation over school had finished. For others, the sentimentality of warm memories lingered. For all, the sense of tradition permeated.

The Class of 1986 bade farewell.

Tradition ruled. □

— Norm Frankowski



#### A FLOOD OF EMOTION.

Falling into order for commencement ceremonies, Mr. George Damasco, Mrs. Amie Stahler, and Mrs. Sue Conrad wait for the procession into the Peristyle to begin. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW.

Diploma in hand, graduate Tom Welch listens to Lisa Namay discuss their plans for the graduation weekend. Lisa and Jackie Lora went through commencement exercises at St. Ursula Academy the following afternoon. Tom, recipient of the Bishop's

Cross for Religious Studies and the Yearbook Service Award, was most satisfied with his nomination for the Oblate Service Award. "Being nominated was GREAT! It was nice to know that people really did appreciate my endeavors, which were definitely worth the effort." Photo by Chris Fischer.



Interested in forming a worthwhile relationship, guys learned they had to put on

# A Classic Performance

**P**icture this. You're at the opening school dance having a great time with your friends. Out of the corner of your eye, you see your ex-girlfriend dancing, apparently having a fine time without you.

Intrigued, you slip away from your friends to scout out this new guy. What could he possibly have that you don't? You're looking good. You have a lot of money. Isn't that all you need?

Not exactly.

If not, then what are you lacking?

Senior Terry Colling has a straightforward approach. "Some girls go for good looking

guys," he said. "For others, muscles are more important."

That approach has its appeal. The more the guy has to offer the girl, the better off the relationship. Money, an expensive car, the in look, and a starting defensive lineman position become the catalyst of romantic involvement.

Those traits may be important to some girls, but not to St. Ursula junior Elizabeth Wudi. "Sex appeal isn't the most important thing [in a relationship] for me," she said. "A guy has to have an uplifting attitude, but he can't be stuck on himself. He has to be able to respect me and my ideas. Otherwise,

there's no chance of our dating."

Other important traits include companionship, the ability to talk openly, and similar hobbies. "I like big blue eyes and a nice personality," SUA sophomore Judi La-Fountain said. "I like a guy who cares."

NDA sophomore Kavita Mathur agreed. She believes the reason she and junior Matt Polster get along so well is that they "can talk together about anything. He's not just my boyfriend. He's my best friend."

After these most important traits have been mastered, being gorgeous, dressing well, and having the big bucks might come

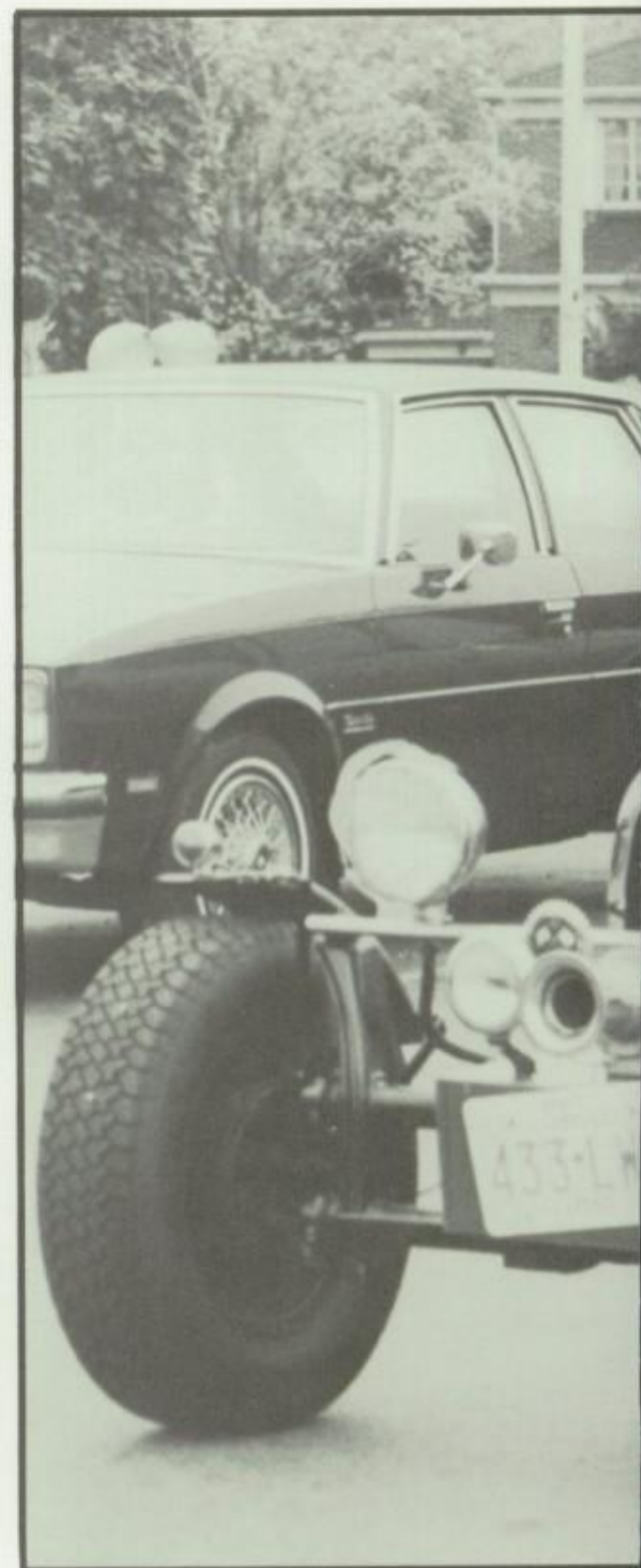
in handy.

Feel free to continue moussing your hair, shelling out the \$20 bills as if they grow on trees, and laying on those Joe Cool lines. Take the standard macho approach and let her know who's boss. Tell her what to do and how to do it. That will leave all the more for me. □

— Bob Hessler and Marty Bihn

## LIFE IN THE FAST LANE.

Poised in a 1927 Bugatti, junior Brian Lazar and his Homecoming date, Mary Hanrahan, line up for the parade from St. Francis to UT. A car was one way to impress the ladies, and the October 24 parade presented the perfect opportunity to do just that. Photo by Eric Aschmeier.



Jeffrey Taylor 11  
Jason Thomas 10  
William Thompson 11  
John Thor 11  
Douglas Thorton 10  
J. David Throne 9  
Gregory Tiell 11  
Todd Tiell 11  
Andrew Tokar 11



David Topoleski 11  
C. Matthew Townsend 9  
Joseph Trabbic 11  
Kenneth Turk 10  
Thomas Turner 11  
Jeffrey Turski 10  
Stephen Ujvagi 11  
Bryan Underwood 9  
Chris Valentine 9



Jeffrey Valiton 10  
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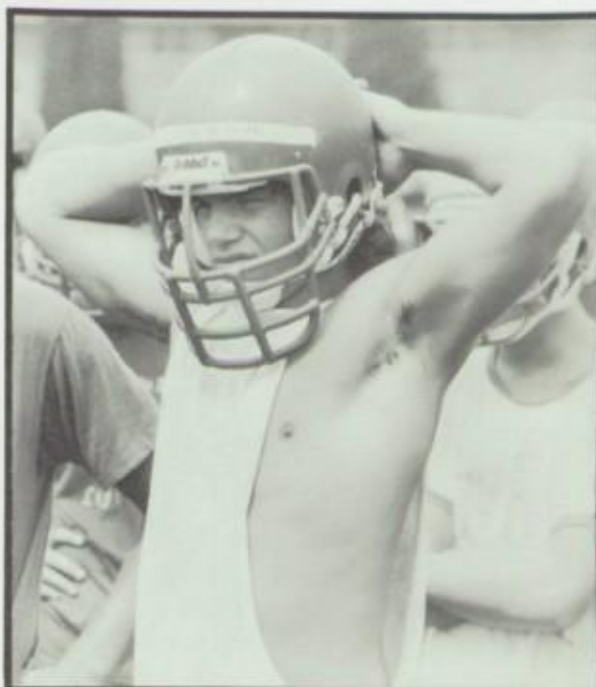
#### KISS AND TELL.

Bound together, junior Eric Aschmeier and Start sophomore Kim Maxfield enjoy a gentle kiss. "I like *everything* about Eric," Kim said, "especially his baby-blue eyes." Photo by Bill McFerron.



#### CONDITIONED RESPONSE.

Fatigued from three hours of intense practice, senior Gene Wiewiora stretches his tired muscles. With the growing popularity of physical fitness, major pectorals and general brawn were anything but detrimental when looking for a date. A varsity letter or two never hurt either. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Eliot Wajskol 11  
Michael Walker 11  
David Walrod 11  
John Walters 11  
Donald Walton 9  
Jun Wang 10  
Roderick Warren 9  
Blaine Washington 10  
Bradley Waugh 10

Jason Wawrzyniak 10  
Thomas Wawrzyniak 9  
William Webber 11  
Edward Wedding 11  
Edward Weideman 10  
Mark Weimer 10  
Daniel Weisenburger 10  
Joseph Weisenburger 11  
William Weisenburger 9

Philip Weisfelder 11  
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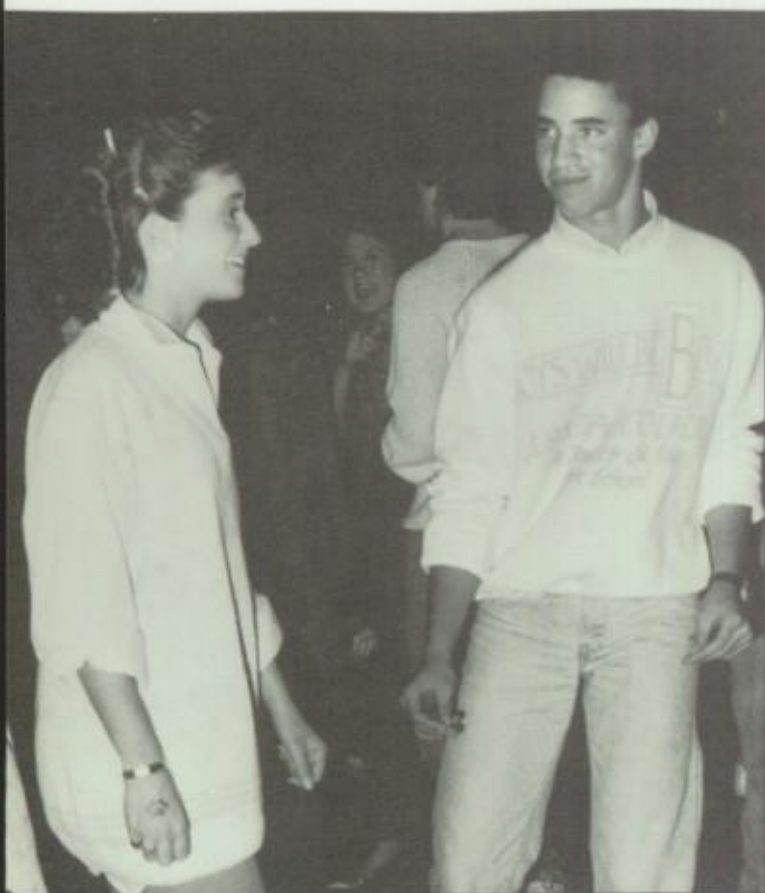
#### STAND BY ME.

Alone in a crowded room, junior Bill McFerron and DeVilbiss senior Beth Tomczak dance to "Friends and Lovers" at Button's teen night. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### MOVIN' ON IN.

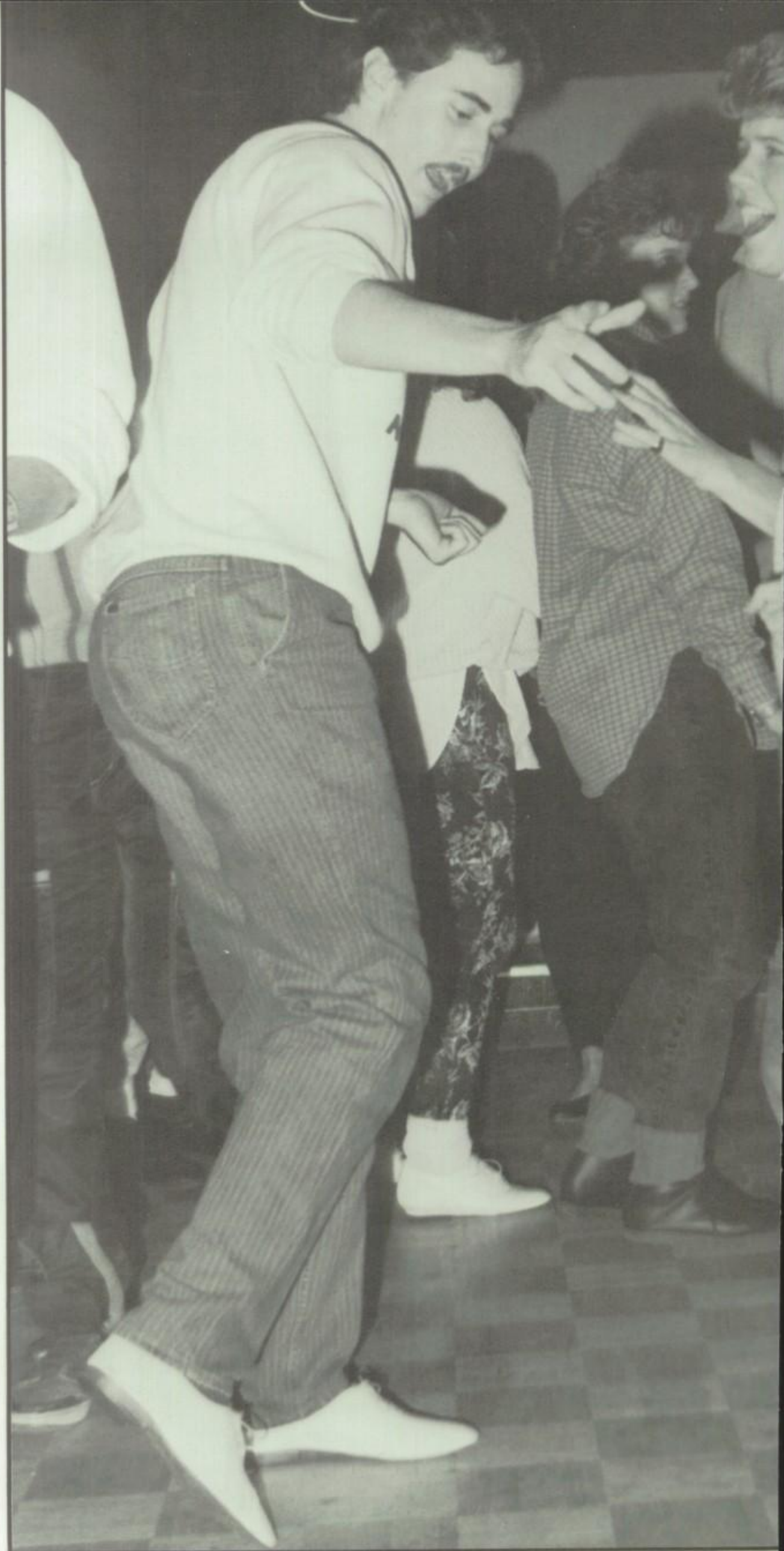
Sliding up on NDA senior Debbie Olszewski, junior Chris Fischer shows his sly dancing techniques to Janet Jackson's *Control*. Chris enjoyed teen night clubs like Buttons because "they gave me a chance to get out of the house and have a great time." Photo by Bill McFerron.



#### LAI D BACK.

Nestled in a quiet corner of the cafeteria, senior Matt Logan and NDA junior Jennifer Radon laugh about *The Affair's* drummer's inability to synchronize his motions with the pre-recorded music. Matt used the Student Council

dance as a teen nightclub substitute the weekend of November 14-16. Matt preferred "the warmth and genuineness of friendships at school to the phoniness of kids trying to impress one another at nightclubs like Buttons." Photo by Chris Carper.





There was no reason for a dull weekend.  
Button's, Henry J's, and Rosco's gave students a chance to unwind and

# Twist the Night Away

**I**t's Friday afternoon. You're waiting for the 2:40 bell to unleash you for the weekend. It's a moment you've anticipated for the last 103 hours and 10 minutes.

## TWIST AND SHOUT.

Side-stepping with Whitmer senior Leslie Newman, senior Max Manley shows his moves at Button's Teen Night. Max took advantage of the nightclub atmosphere to "keep the weekend going as long as possible and meet members of the opposite sex." Photo by Bill McFerron.

ed for the last 103 hours and 10 minutes.

The long awaited weekend is here. Everyone is going out. Out was somewhere with dinner, dancing, and romancing. For adults, it meant a supper club like Chicago's or J. Paul Quigby's.

Out was a different entity for teenagers. Until a few years ago, it was a movie and pizza. Now it extends to a new entity — the teen night club.

The three primary clubs, Rocso's, Button's, and Henry J's, opened their doors to the 18 and under

crowd on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, respectively.

If you were into dancing, socializing, or lip sync contests, any one of the three clubs were just the right ticket. If, however, your musical tastes extended to include Rush, The Dead Kennedy's, or The Dead Milkmen, the clubs were not the place to be. They typically played the popular dance music of Cameo, Janet Jackson, and The Jets.

Of the three, Henry J's proved to be the most popular. That was, in large

part, a result of its location, its atmosphere, and its clientele.

The clubs reached the peak of their popularity in the summer months. Parental curfews and school work cut into their success during the school months, but Christmas and Easter breaks saw a dramatic pick-up in business.

Bored? Caught in the grips of a dull weekend with no end in sight? There is hope. Consider a teen night club. □

— Andy Arquette and Scot Mullane



Ted Wilhelm 9  
Anthony Williams 10  
David Williams 11  
Jerry Williams 11  
Kevin Williams 10

Richard Williams 10  
Odell Willis 10  
Neil Winegar 10  
David Winsted 11  
John Wirick 11

Brian Wolfe 11  
Melvin Womack 11  
Timothy Wood 9  
Tommie Woods 10  
Matthew Wozniak 9

Joel Yacks 10  
John Yakumithis 11  
Brandon Yanez 10  
Hysim Younes 11  
Michael Zakrzewski 10

David Zawisza 11  
John Zawisza 10  
Michael Zawisza 9  
Cliff Ziarno 9  
Matthew Zoldowski 11



#### A BEVY OF BEAUTIES.

She captured America's heart as a little girl romping through the White House. She broke America's heart at the funeral in late November 1963. She is Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the late John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Jackie Onassis. Twenty-three years later, on July 19, 1986, she married Edwin Schlossberg, a New York businessman and artist in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts. Two months later, Miss Tennessee, Kellye Cash, the grandniece of country star Johnny Cash, was crowned Miss America 1987. She received the crown from Susan Akin, the outgoing Miss America.

## OUT in the Cold

It's cold out and it's snowing. While you lie comfortably in your nice, warm bed, protected from the elements by four sturdy walls, someone else is lying in the bed Mother Nature has created. She's not anywhere near as warm or comfortable as you.

Her name is Elaine Higgins, better known as the Bag Lady, and she has only the four walls of a cardboard box to protect her weather-beaten visage from the

ravages of winter.

There are many who would have you believe that Ms. Higgins is simply a victim of a society which doesn't care for its members incapable of caring for themselves. They argue she has been harassed and pushed to the point where she now lives.

These sympathizers proudly decry the belief that we, as humans, each are made in God's image and likeness and share an

equal right to the resources of the earth. They claim no one has the right to live in excess as long as there is one person who doesn't have what he needs.

Ms. Higgins is certainly one person whose needs have not been met. How can we sit by and watch as a woman digs through garbage to find her meals while we have cupboards full of food?

Is that justice? □

— Kevin O'Brien



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## The Gift of TONGUES

Flambant neuf.

Brand new. That's what French was to seniot Pat McCarthy when he entered his first language class four years ago. In the span of three years, he mastered the language to near perfection.

Pat excelled in French to the extent that Mr. Steve Loomis, his French instructor, suggested he take the Advanced Placement exam at the end of his junior year.

Pat entered the exam com-

pletely at ease. He considered the test a dry run. Six weeks later, however, the scores arrived and Pat discovered he had been awarded a 5, the highest possible score on the exam.

In fact, less than ten percent of the test takers nationwide received a 5. The five meant the scoring committee considered the student "extremely well qualified" to enter college courses at an advanced level. □

— Kevin O'Brien

## EDUCATIONAL Opportunities

Remember all those grade school field trips? There were zoos, farms, museums, factories, and parks to be visited. Those were the days.

They were fun.

They were interesting.

They were educational.

They were something every little boy looked forward to. They were certainly better than spelling and math.

One thing that didn't change in the years between grade school and high school was that atti-

tude. Big boys looked forward to those out-of-school excursions as much as their younger counterparts.

High school field trips were just as fun, just as interesting, and just as educational. They covered the gamut of possibilities. They included observing religious services at Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom Halls and Islamic mosques, experiencing the hectic pace of universities and hospitals, and discussing the pros and cons of the legal system.

Teachers who organized field trips were few and far between. There were too many obstacles to overcome. Students had to be released from classes. Liability forms had to be completed and filed. Transportation had to be arranged.

They were as many justifications for organizing a field trip as there were teachers who offered them. Br. Jim Roth saw them as "first hand experience and a feel for something that you learn about." They were also a way to

break the monotony of classroom lectures. They were a chance for students to acquire a deeper understanding of an abstract or foreign concept.

Students had a slightly different perspective. They say field trips as free days, as a waste of time, and as a way out of classes and homework for that day.

They were fun.

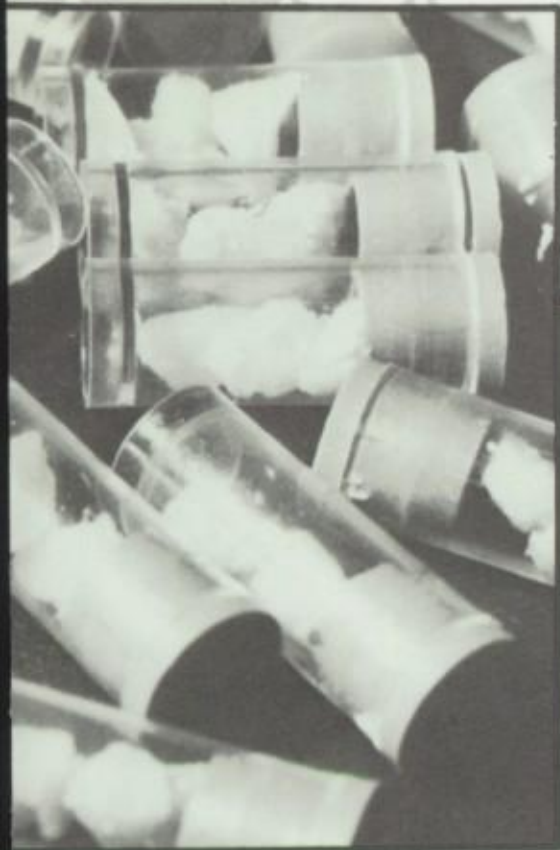
They were interesting.

They offered insight.

They were educational. □

— Steve Steinberg and Tim Pearsall





# SHOT in the Dark

Last summer, a South Toledo black family's house and car

**IT'S NOT ALL  
IT WAS CRACKED UP TO BE.**

They called it "crack" on the East Coast and "rock" on the West Coast. Whatever its name, this refined, smokeable form of cocaine became the most addictive narcotic ever sold on the streets of America.

were shot up. The news media and the NAACP were astounded with what appeared to be a racially motivated act.

Was it purely racial, though, or was it a mixture of drugs, alcohol, stupidity, and a prejudice too many people hold, but few act upon?

All people hold personal preju-

dices, but few allow their attitudes the free reign that leads to such violent, immoral activity.

The students in the South Toledo incident paid the price for their behavior.

Isn't it wonderful what alcohol and drugs can do? They help us act so cool. □

— Max Manley

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# COMING OUT

of the Woodwork

"Are you going away to college?"

"I don't know. I want to, but I am not sure."

"How much are you going to spend for school?"

"I'm not sure."

There's a time in every student's life when he must discuss with his parents, counselors, and even admissions officers his college plans. There were many, sometimes too many, angles to cover — size, cost, distance, a variety of majors, competition level, the quality of the academic programs, and even the type of admissions policy the college or

university offered.

College night, a program organized by area private school guidance counselors, was designed to help answer at least some of these university-related questions.

On October 21, 1986, eighty-eight representatives from nationally recognized colleges and universities gathered at Lourdes College's Franciscan Life Center. These reps answered questions, added names to mailing lists, offered encouragement, and discussed possible career plans with interested students. □

— Grant Summers and Tim Pearsall

# A LAND of Confusion

Study in a country where no one speaks your language? Who are you kidding?

It's difficult enough vacationing, let alone *studying*, across the language barrier. The typical student, although more than eager to visit a foreign country, felt unprepared to leave his English-speaking home for an extended period.

There were, however, eager students willing to sacrifice anything to study abroad. Such was the case at St. Francis some 10 to 20 years ago. Until the mid-70s, St. Francis had an active exchange program with European schools. As many as a dozen students yearly traveled to Europe to study.

The program began to die in the early 70s. The last students went abroad in 1973.

The biggest problem, according to Fr. Olszewski, was "the

cost. It just continued to get higher and higher."

Some of that latent interest was resurrected just last year with the arrival of Thierry Fournier. Thierry, who attended an Oblate high school in Annecy, France, spent 10 months in Toledo. Living with the Kovacs' family, he attended classes at St. Francis as a junior.

The opportunities to study abroad are appealing. Whatever the reasons, there are tremendous benefits. □

— Pat McCarthy

## LEFT HIGH AND DRY.

A drought spread throughout the Southeast during 1986. It was the worst dry spell on record. At its peak, crops wilted from southern Pennsylvania all the way into northern Florida. Even after some rain, farmers in the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, and Tennessee were on the brink of ruin. Photo by AP/Worldwide Photos.

# FIRST HAND

Experience

## Decision-making.

It's a process with which too many struggle. However, as seniors were forced to recognize, it was an inevitable fact of life. Deciding on the right college was one of the biggest choices they had to make during their high school careers.

There was one thing that helped ease the load. It was a campus visit.

Visiting a college gave the student a flavor of life away from home. □

— Pat McCarthy

## HIGH AND MIGHTY.

All universities have distinctive landmarks and the University of Toledo is no exception. University Tower on Bancroft Street stands as a reminder of the institution's ideal for higher learning. Photo by Bill McFerron.



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# Tower of FAITH

In the centuries following the rise of Christianity, the world has witnessed hundreds of miracles and apparitions of Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary. The Catholic Church, however, has only officially recognized a handful. First there was Guadalupe; later there was Lourdes; then there was Fatima. And now Fostoria?

Fostoria, a small agricultural community 35 miles southeast of Toledo, attracted an overwhelming number of media persons from across the country this summer. Thousands flocked to see what was believed to have been an image of Jesus Christ and a

small child on a soybean oil storage tank.

The Archer Daniel Midland Company, owner of the soybean processing plant, claimed the fifteen foot image of a long-haired man with outstretched arms and a small boy was simply a rust stain; but because of the popularity of the image, the company delayed painting the silo.

Faith in the image increased September 21 when a vandal splashed white paint on the side of the tank. The paint didn't mar the image of Christ. In fact, one Fostoria resident claimed that the image actually stood out

more vividly after the act of vandalism.

Mr. Pat Wright, religion teacher, believed that "the image was just a coincidence. Just as someone finds a sunset inspirational, so too, someone may find the image to be so."

Sophomore John Fritz went even further in his explanation. "The image *had* to be true," he reasoned, "because after it was painted, it still remained. If it had been an act of nature, it would have disappeared after the vandalism."

Sophomore Matt Riethof disagreed with both views. "When I

looked at it, I could make ten different pictures out of it. It's just like when you look up at the clouds. You see different things."

Fostoria. Will it go down as the next Fatima on the list of modern day miracles? At the present time, it appears doubtful.

For those who do believe in its authenticity, it doesn't really matter if the Catholic Church officially recognizes the image on the silo. Their belief will rise above another man's theoretical explanation.

For believers, Fostoria will not soon be forgotten. □

— Ashley Fernandes

# In a Phenominal Explosion of LIFE

Freedom of speech. It's a basic constitutional right. Or is it?

Like all other important freedoms, the exercise of free speech became the cause of tremendous controversy in Toledo in 1986.

A new dimension was added to this controversy last August when Sarabeth Eason [age 11 and preparing for sixth grade at the time] and her mother, Conception, were informed that Sarabeth would not be allowed to return to St. Agnes Grade School unless she were to change her public stand on the hotly disputed abortion issue.

Sarabeth had appeared on WTOL-TV, Channel 11, briefly speaking out in support of a woman's right to choose to have an abortion. She also signed a petition which appeared in *The Toledo Blade* commemorating the thirteenth anniversary of the historic Supreme Court case, *Roe vs. Wade*, which, in 1973, legalized abortion. These factors, when combined with the public knowledge in the parish that Ms. Conception Eason worked at an abor-

tion clinic, prompted the school's action.

Ms. Eason had called St. Agnes around August 5, 1986 to confirm the amount of Sarabeth's out-of-parish tuition. The school secretary informed Ms. Eason that the matter would have to be taken up with Fr. Miller, pastor of St. Agnes Parish. Ms. Eason met with Fr. Miller to discuss the tuition, but, according to Ms. Eason, Fr. Miller turned the entire conversation into a theological discussion on abortion.

A few days later, Ms. Eason received a letter from Fr. Miller that explained the Church's long-standing teaching against abortion and informed the Easons that Sarabeth could only return to St. Agnes if she were to "desist and stop from public and exposed support of 'Pro-Choice' and write a letter to the principal stating that she does not personally support abortion."

The letter continued, stating that only if this were done would Sarabeth be allowed back at St. Agnes. Sarabeth, however, re-

fused, sticking to the principle of her personal beliefs.

Despite the fact she is a minor, Sarabeth has the same right to her opinion and the right to voice that opinion as any adult. However, because she attended an institution founded on the principles of Roman Catholicism, she is bound by certain guidelines. She has the option to choose to follow or reject these beliefs; and just as she has the right to choose, the institution has the right to enforce its doctrines.

It has been the mission of the Catholic Church to edify its members. Education is primary in the development of mature, informed individuals. If we are not consciously aware of all the factors involved in a decision, we act out of ignorance.

In light of that, should the Church ban its opposers, or should it offer to reeducate them within the boundaries of Christian morality? □

NOTE: St. Agnes officials did not care to comment on the matter.

— Dave Lyons

Kate Smith, best remembered for "God Bless America," died June 17 of respiratory arrest.



James Cagney, one of Hollywood's tough guys, died March 30 at the age of 86.



Benny Goodman, the King of Swing, died June 13, apparently of cardiac arrest.



Ted Knight died August 26 of cancer. He was best known for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."



After 20 years of ruling without challenge, Philippine president Ferdinand E. Marcos was forced from office. Mrs. Corazon Aquino took over.



Gennadiy Zakharov, a Soviet U.N. employee, was arrested and charged with spying. A week later, American journalist Nicholas S. Daniloff faced the same charges in Russia.

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#### SERVICE WITH A SMILE.

One uses a screwdriver, the other a ladel. One works at supplying the essentials for a comfortable, effective learning environment while the other fills empty stomachs. Mr. Tom Degnan and Ms. Sheila Carter kept the school functioning by offering students the essentials for a healthy life. Photos by Bob Hessler and Chris Fischer.



Oblivious to the confusion that surrounded them, the auxiliary staff took care of the simple necessities of life. They supplied the school with

# A Needed INPUT

**F**ingerprints on the windows.

Fliers to be collated.

Transcripts to be mailed.

Sticky Coke on the edge of the pop machine to be chiseled off.

Get serious. Who do you think took care of these less-glamorous parts of school? The faculty? Get serious. Try considering the

#### A KEY ROLE.

Checking information from her written records against the screen's monitor, Mrs. Jackie Van deMark enters tuition records into the school's computer files. Mrs. Van deMark assumed a major role in the upkeep of the school's personal records when St. Francis switched over to a computerized system this academic year. Photo by Chris Fischer.

secretarial and auxiliary staffs.

"Secretaries?" you ask. "They must mean Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Van Demark." Yes and no. *They* mean both and Mrs. Mattingly, Miss Mondville, and Mrs. Hite.

As desk secretaries, Mrs. O'Connor and Mrs. Van Demark did more than type letters and stuff memos in teacher's mailboxes. They mailed report cards, updated tuition statements, sold sports tickets, answered calls, relayed messages, organized mailings, prepared AM and PM announcements, and redirected lost freshmen.

Mrs. Mattingly, as Head Secretary, oversaw the entire process, although she con-

cerned herself primarily with administrative duties. Mrs. Hite assisted, spending most of her time with Silver Knight II and Funarama. Miss Mondville took over where the Guidance Department left off, tabulating test results, scheduling appointments, and mailing college transcripts.

"Greasy food racks in the cafeteria?" you ask. "Certainly the secretaries aren't *that* efficient.

Nice deduction. Those responsibilities fell to Ms. Sheila Carter and Ms. Sandy Koehler. Officially Can- teen employees, those two women prepared and sold lunches.

"So Sheila's the one to blame for my lunch chair. You know, the

one with the wobbly leg."

Wrong again.

The maintenance and upkeep of the school's physical equipment was the responsibility of the maintenance personnel, specifically Mr. Leonard Swartz, Mr. Jimmy McLaughlin, and Mr. Tom Degnan. It wasn't important to recognize the names. What was important was the comfortable environment they created.

The next time you pick up Knight's News, or get the two-for-one special on fries, or store your textbooks in a secure locker, take a moment to appreciate the work.

And say thank you. □

— Kevin O'Brien



# OVER THE COUNTER.

As another sale goes into the record books, Mr. Jim Livecchi hands a customer her purchase. A literature and writing instructor by day, Mr. Livecchi became a music expert when he entered either one of the two Boogie Records at night. Junior Mark Hanusz found it "really weird to see one of my teachers working outside school. I guess I just have to realize that teachers have their own lives and they are not totally attached to the school." Photo by Chris Fischer.

# IT ALL ADDS UP.

Moonlighting from his day job as Physics teacher, Mr. Don Murad records the stock number from a pair of sweats in J.C. Penney's sporting goods department. Mr. Murad used the money he earned at his second job to buy things he wouldn't be able to afford on a teacher's salary and to save money for his retirement. Photo by Bill McFerron.



**Mr. Valentine Glinka** Physical Education II, Head Varsity Basketball Coach

**Mrs. Alma Hite** Auxillary Services

**Mr. Lawrence Hubbell** Biology, AP Biology

**Mr. Carl Janke** Physical Education I, Health, Head Varsity, JV, and Freshman Wrestling Coach, Assistant Track Coach, Equipment Manager

**Mr. Donald Kober** American Economics, Consumer Economics, Psychology, Head Varsity Baseball Coach, Head JV Basketball Coach

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**Mrs. Sue Lever** Attendance and Health Records, School Nurse

**Mr. David Lewis** Pre-Algebra, Geometry, Head Freshman Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coach

**Mr. Mark Lewis** French II, Head Varsity, JV and Freshman Cross Country Coach, Dean of Men







Teachers were normal people who went stir crazy if they didn't have the chance to unwind after a rough day. Despite their frustrations, they always gave

# Service with a SMILE

**“**What? You have got to be kidding. No way! He's just a teacher. He can't do that.”

There was more to a teacher's life than reading, lecturing, grading, and making up impossible tests. There were everyday tensions to be coped with. There were needs to be met. Without trying to sound trite, teachers were normal people who went stir crazy if they didn't have the opportunity to unwind after a hard day at the office.

Extracurricular activities were limited only by interest levels and time. Doc Russo loved to relax with walks through the woods on bright, sunny afternoons and quiet moments of classical music. He also enjoyed playing football with his three sons.

Mrs. Fran O'Neal liked to settle down with a good novel, but if one wasn't within her grasps, she enjoyed swimming a few laps in the pool. Mr. Hubbell, a retired Air Force officer, divided his spare

time between informing people of the dangers of smoking and flying airplanes.

Mr. Mark Walton spent the summer months landscaping. Year-round, he maintained property he owns in Toledo and Perryburg Township. Mr. Jim Livecchi, in addition to producing *The Lance*, worked at Boogie as a means to keep in touch with his first love, music.

Featured in *The Blade's* Leisure Section, Fr. Tom O'Neill prepared gourmet

meals for his Oblate brothers. Occasionally, he allowed charities the privilege of raffling his talents off for a good cause.

They shopped. They ate out. They went to movies. They laughed. They had a good time. They were people who enjoyed all the simple pleasures of life.

So the next time you see a man and his nose strolling through the woods, don't be surprised. It could be a teacher. □

— Bob Healy, Bob Hessler, and Eliot Wajskol



**Fr. John Lindsay** Introduction to Literature, Faith, Band Moderator, Junior Class Adviser

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**Mrs. Virginia Mattingly** Head Secretary

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**Mr. James McLaughlin** Maintenance

**Mr. John McCartney** Old Testament, New Testament, Twentieth Century Catholicism, ACCOLADE Adviser

**Mr. James Mello** American History, Introduction to Literature, Intramurals Director, Assistant Wrestling Coach



They had experience on their side. They always do.  
They never expected the students would

# TIP<sup>the</sup> Scales

**E**very day it was the same. Every day they mercilessly distributed homework, tests, demerits, and other loathsome necessities. Every day? Well, perhaps, except for one. The BIG one.

That's right. Friday, March 7, 1986 marked the day the teachers felt the wrath, the power, and the pride of the student body. The sophisticated demoralization, however, took place within the context of a simple basketball game.

The faculty knew they had their hands full even before the contest began. They watched Doc's Dawgs, the intramural champions, warm up and saw skill, height, and strength.

Although only five

points separated the lagging teachers from the Dawgs at the half, the snowball had not yet started to roll. The second half witnessed the Dawgs' best attempt at an intramural basketball clinic. Tony Czerniakowski capped the effort with the only slam dunk of the game. That's all she wrote as the Dawgs coasted to a 35-9 domination.

Coach Janke remembered the game well. "It was like college All-Stars playing against a

pro team," he said. "The faculty had never played together before. The students had the definite edge. I could tell it was going to be tough from the start."

179 days of the year, the students felt subordinate. This one day, though, they struck back. The commentary of announcer Fareed Mansour made those feelings evident.

Friday, March 7, 1986 was not the same. It was the BIG one. □

— Norm Frankowski

## "IN YOUR FACE, TEACH!"

Loving every minute of it, graduate Brad Wesley shows off the trophy he and his classmates earned in winning the Faculty-Senior Basketball game. The seniors decided to stick it back to the teachers for all the pop quizzes, detentions, and boring lectures they were subjected to. Photo by Brandon Yanez.

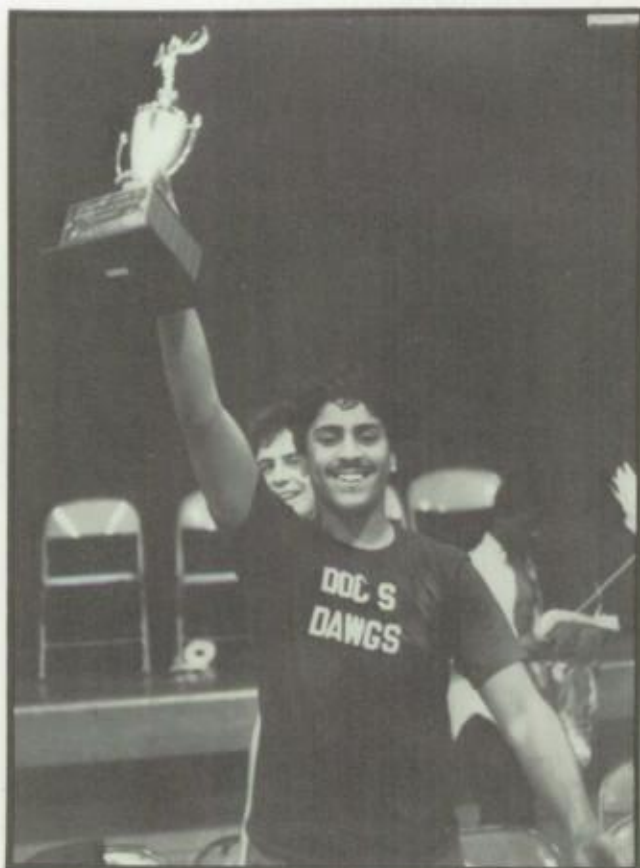
## AN ALL-OUT EFFORT.

Skying over graduate Tony Czerniakowski (#82), Mr. Rick Werbylo tips the ball to teammate Jeff Van Drie. Despite their effort, the faculty fell in defeat to an extraordinarily talented senior squad. "We just couldn't put the ball through the hoop," explained Coach Werbylo, "but we still managed to look good." Photo by Scott Sadowski.



## PRAISE THE LORD.

In disbelief that she made a basket, Mrs. Sue Conrad throws her arms up in exultation as Miss Suzette Mondville waits her turn at the charity stripe. Mrs. Conrad sank six of eight free throws, earning her second place in the competition. Photo by Scott Sadowski.







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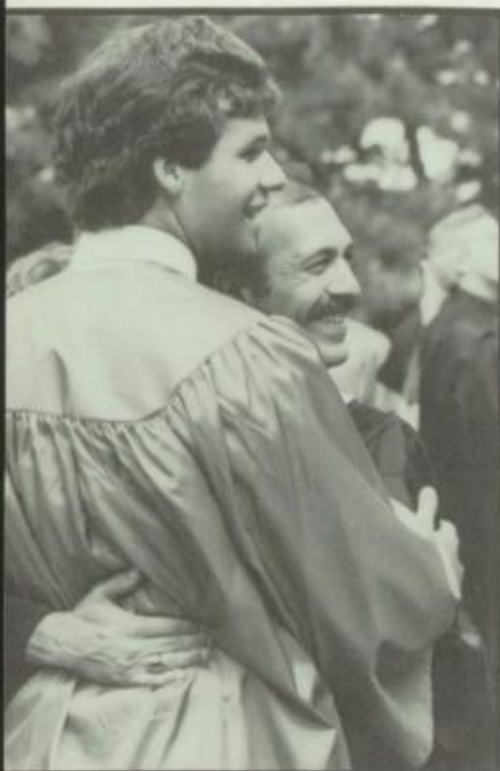
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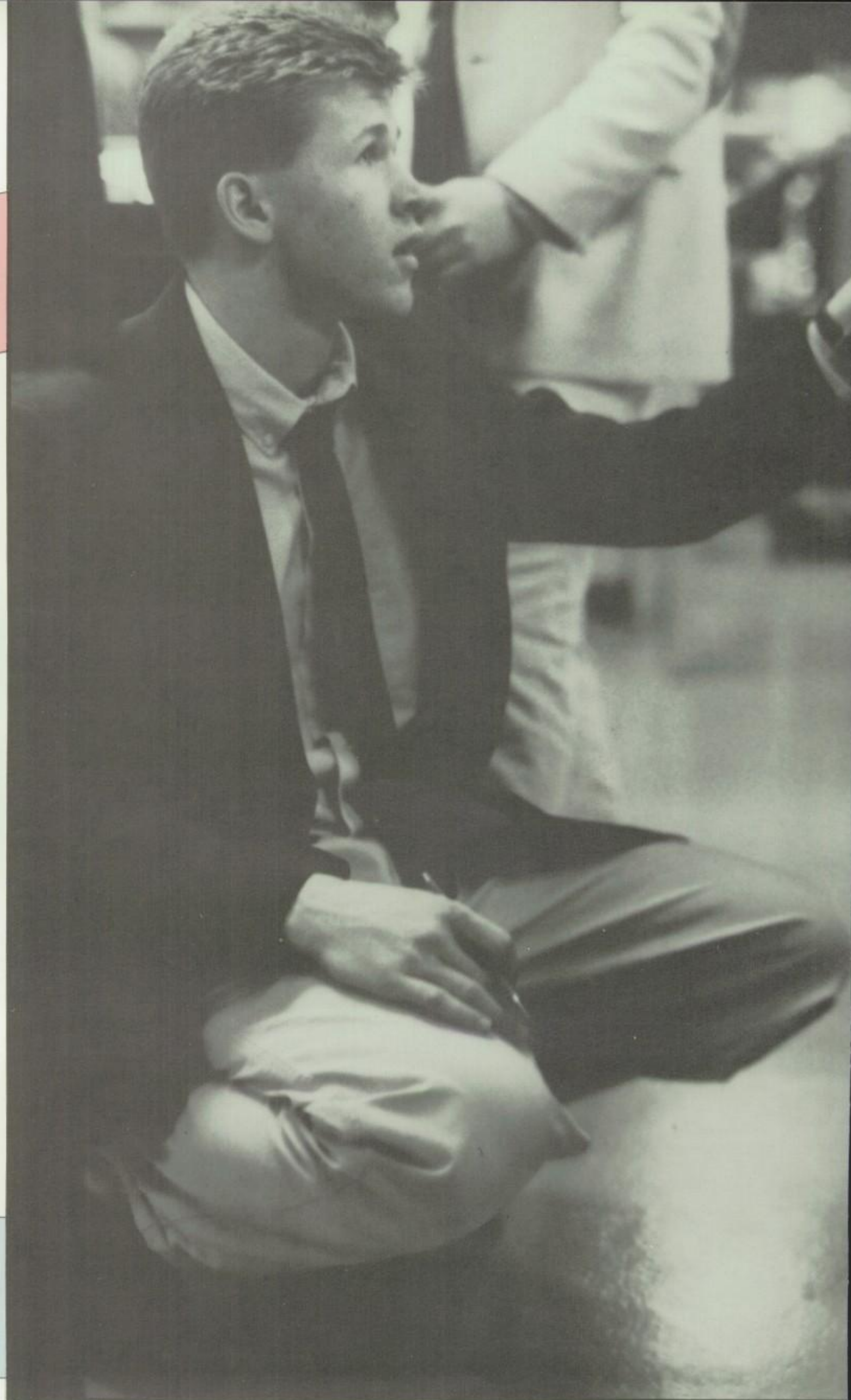
## The Eyes Have It.

Crouched down for a more accurate view, junior Jason Malczewski studies the effects of applied pressure. St. Francis opened its science wing in 1980, giving students more room and equipment with which to work. Quality education was the trademark of St. Francis. It showed students their potential and taught them that the sky's the limit. Photo by Bill McFerron.



## Like Father, Like Nephew.

The loving pride he feels radiates in a smile as Fr. Ron Olszewski gives his nephew, graduate Mike Olszewski, a congratulatory hug after the June 7 commencement exercises. This scene was repeated over and over that late spring afternoon as parents realized their little boy wasn't a little boy any more. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# A DELICATE BALANCE

**S**how me how it works.  
Why can't I do this?

Where does that come from?

Curiosity. It forced us to learn. There would be no way we'd be denied the chance to comprehend something we wanted to understand. Nothing was beyond our grasp. We wouldn't allow it.

Curiosity. It killed the cat. It turned George into a comic strip character destined to play the buffoon. It motivated these 813 boys to learn.

Each one of these boys went about learning in a slightly different way. A few studied three to five hours a day. The majority crammed. A handful cheated.

Regardless of their methods, though, they learned. The unconventionality they employed just added a little spice to it all.

You know the guy. The one you saw sticking gum to the statue of St. Francis. Is he one of those 367 men on the honor roll?

What about that other kid? The one who refuses to wear anything other than Rummage Sale specials. Is he one of the 199 students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses?

There's a third one, too. He's the guy who painted his chest for the Central football game. He couldn't be one of those 88 seniors graduating with college level coursework, could he?

It was the best of both worlds: partier and study buddy. No school in the city could top our academic reputation. Its students took first place in state Math contests, earned National Merit Finalist citations, and chose one to five AP courses from a menu of 11 possibilities.

There wasn't much more we could have been gifted with. But study buddy? No way!

Seven hours a day, every day, would have been unbearable if we hadn't joked around with friends and got into a little trouble.

Going to school and learning was fun. It just happened that these boys knew how to have a good time.



#### ALL EARS.

Eager to learn more about Hillsdale College, senior Doug Heerdegen and his parents listen to a representative at Lourdes College. The annual College Night, held for area Catholic high school students, provided many with a starting point in the search for the right place to continue their education. Photo by Bill McFerron.



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## STRATEGY

Getting on a  
Teacher's Good  
Side

#1

### Getting Noticed

There are a number of methods at your disposal if you're interested in being noticed.

Needless to say, some are better than others. In fact, if you're not careful, any of these techniques can backfire and put you on every teacher's bad side *real fast*.

Two of the best ways to get noticed are:

- 1). ask questions in and out of class, and
- 2). always be on the ball and know what's going on.

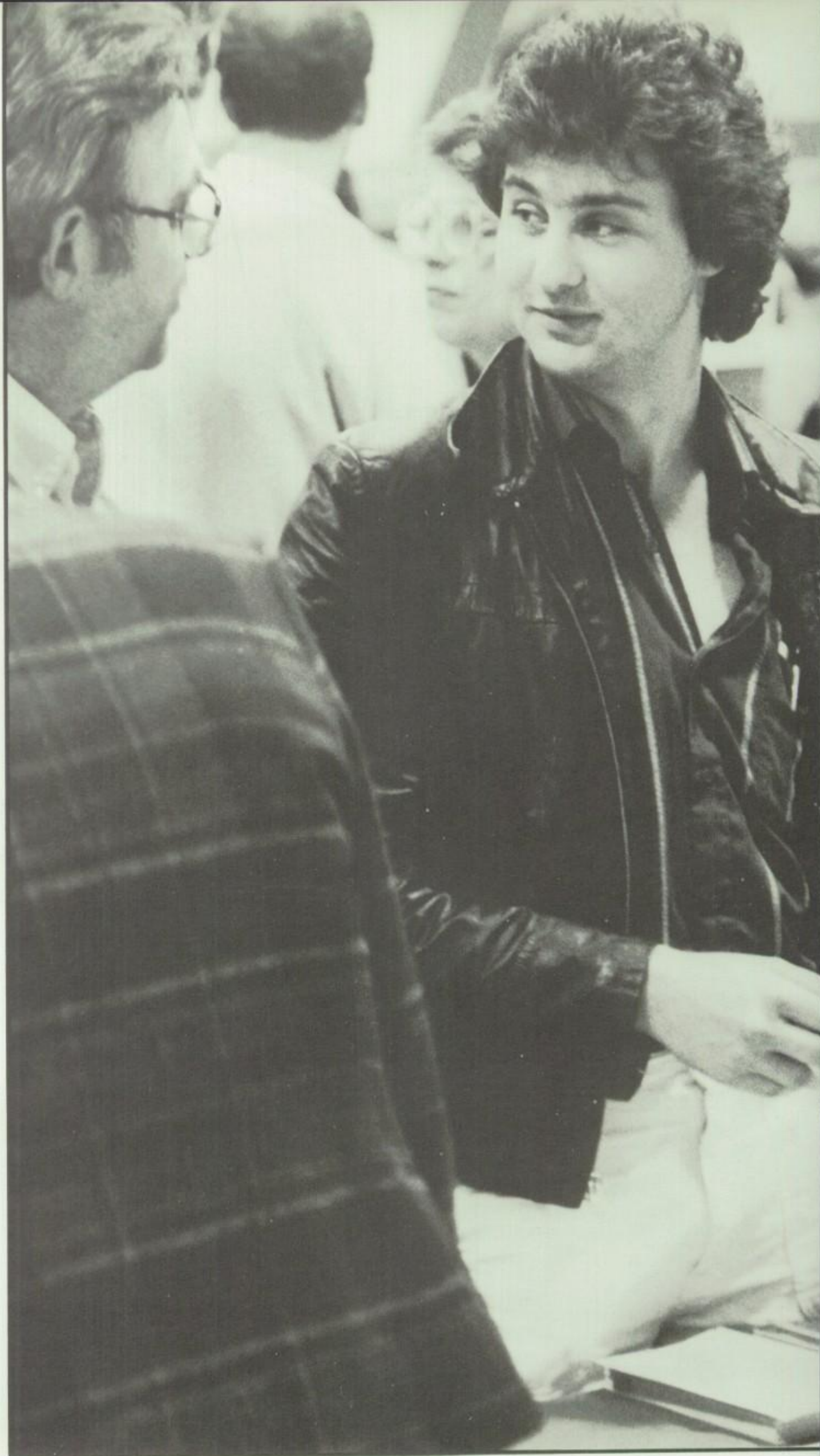
The art of getting noticed takes practice. Asking questions can be a little tricky.

First, be sure the question doesn't make you sound like an idiot.

Second, if you plan on coming in a lot after school, there's a good chance you'll become a pain.

Pay attention in class. If you choose not to, find a way to make it look as if you are. □

— Don Skaff







#### SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Having heard the admissions officer's explanation of out-of-the-pocket expenses, senior Jay Weik awaits his father's reaction. Jay's college plans include attending The Berkley College of Music, where he spent five weeks between his junior and senior years as a Summer Performance program participant.

#### THE COMPUTER BLUES.

Undecided as to where he will attend college, junior Marty Bihn looks to a guidance room computer program for some help with his choice. The programs available to students were designed to make such difficult choices as college majors and professions a little easier. Illustration by Bill McFerron.



# FACED WITH A DECISION

You planned. You visited. You inquired. You were still left with one question, though. "Which university will I choose?"

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ou're finally finished with high school and you're headed off to college. Regardless of any previous planning, you are faced with a monumental decision. Exactly what are you going to do with your life?

There are times a student has made a clear career decision before entering college. Rick Kessler was one such individual. "My college and career plans took shape," he said, "when I was named People Section Editor of the AC-COLADE. It was then and there I decided to be a journalist."

Others not as lucky go to college without concrete plans. College applications attest to that clearly. College major: UNDECIDED.

Ryan Marshall found that "my classes [at SFS] challenged me to look and think about my options, and then take the initiative to find out about them myself."

This concept was an important one to learn. When a student was able to look at a situation from all sides, he was more likely to succeed where others failed. On the other hand, ignoring opportunities most often led to regret and wasted time.

Waleed Mansour found that "St. Francis tried to prepare me for college by giving me opportunities to learn. As an individual, though, I didn't fully take advantage of these possibilities. If I hadn't wasted my time, I would be much more ahead of the game now."

This realization was important, for even if it didn't apply to college or career plans, it was as strong a philosophy of life as anyone could have hoped to adopt. "Life leaves it up to you to decide what you want," said Dan Rogowski. "You are the one who has to do something about it." □

— Paul Antkowiak



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## STRATEGY

Getting on a  
Teacher's Good  
Side

#2

### Brown-nosing

This is definitely the most dangerous step in getting on anyone's good side or earning a grade. It can destroy your self-image if you don't take precautions.

If students find out what you're up to, they will rag on you for the rest of your high school career. If a teacher uncovers your scheme, you've got to return to square one and begin studying. Teachers hate to find out anyone is kissing up to them. It makes them feel as if you're using them (which you are, although you don't want them to know it).

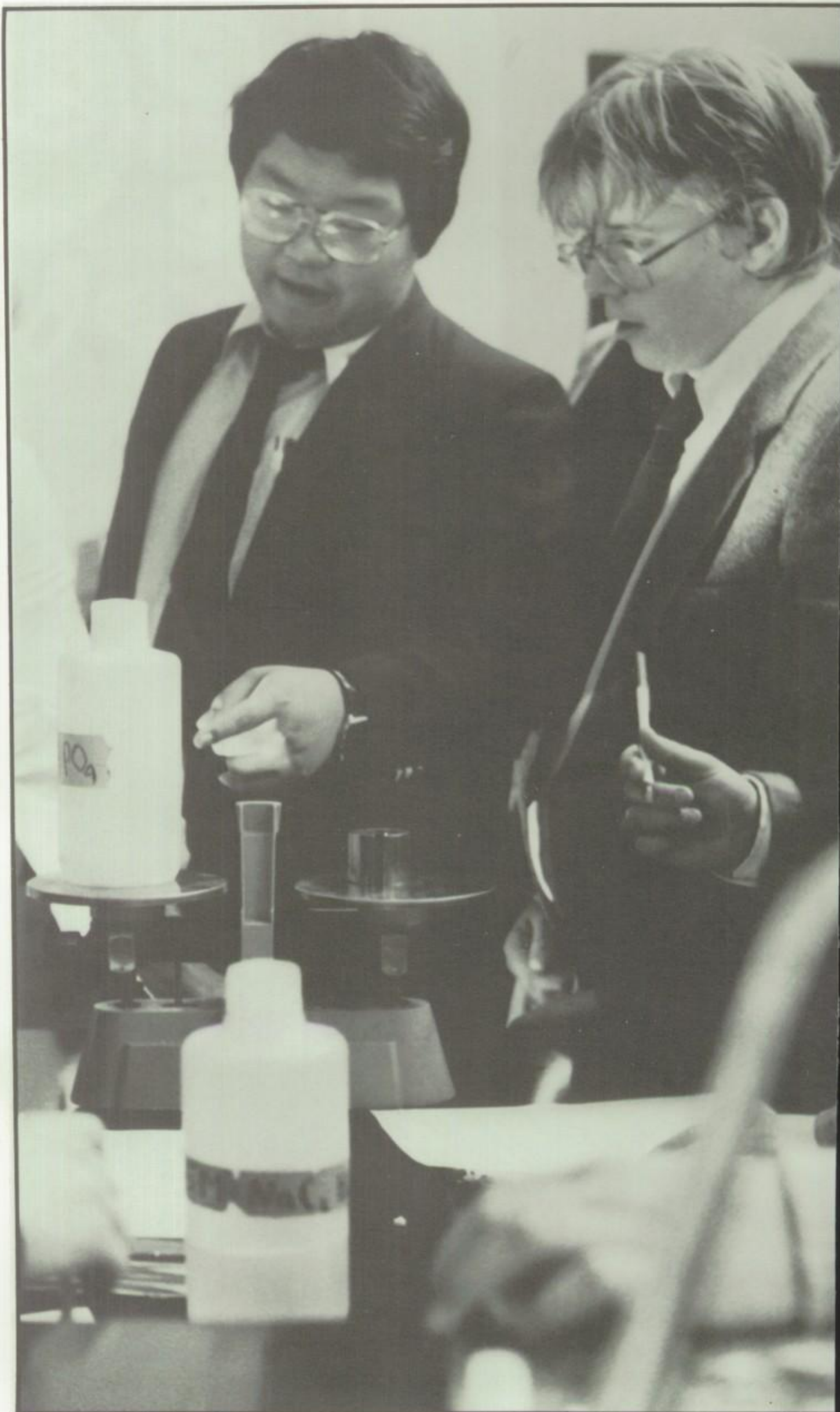
There is no set pattern to brown-nosing. You have to be sure the teacher doesn't see or hear you do anything that isn't in line with the image you're trying to project. You have to be on the watch in all your classes because teachers have a tendency to discuss students' academic progress.

Some teachers are easier to brown-nose than others. You've got it made if you need to win the favor of a teacher no one pays attention to. All you will be required to do is pay attention in class. If you can also manage a good test grade on top of it, then you've made it. □

— Don Skaff

### A BALANCED CURRICULUM.

With the conclusion of the conservation of mass experiment at hand, sophomores Jun Wang and Ed Weideman weigh a container of alka seltzer solution. The expansion of the Science Department in 1980 brought about extensive labs at all grade levels, better preparing students for the rigors of university science courses. Fr. Jim McHugh suggested that labs offered students the opportunity to "see and do what they're learning in class." That practical application of knowledge helped students understand and synthesize material that otherwise would have remained abstract and obscure. Photo by Bill McFerron.





# OFFSET FROM THE REST

The academic program was highly sophisticated. It challenged students to push themselves to their intellectual limit. There was no comparison. St. Francis was better than all the rest.

N

o one denied it.

This institution challenged students. The academic program forced its participants to work hard and prepare for future studies at the university level.

"We've packed all we could into a college preparatory school," said Fr. Thomas O'Neill, Academic Dean. "We had more requirements than necessary to graduate in the state of Ohio. The strict standard — four years in math, English, and science — was there for more than just making the student suffer. It helped

## MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

Gently but firmly pulling the pulley string, junior Andy Shawaker watches as classmate Mike Leonardi measures the change in distance with a meter stick. "The experiments gave me a chance to see what Mr. Murad [the instructor] had talked about in class in a real-life situation," Andy explained, "and it made everything easier to understand." Photo by Bill McFerron.

him to prepare for his future studies in college."

Mrs. Janet Watkins, Senior Guidance Counselor, explained further. "The school tried to provide a broad background so everyone had the knowledge needed to go into any college major. If we didn't require some of these classes, then many of the students would not take them. That would prove to be a problem should they decide to switch college majors. At least this way we know they have the background to do so."

This saved time and money. Students didn't have to take courses in college they could have had in high school. They also had the option of participating in Advanced Placement classes.

Fr. O'Neill made the general observation that students who participated in AP courses in high school seemed to do

better in college than those who didn't participate.

Recent alumni have given the school only positive feedback. Fr. O'Neill recalled that Jerry Simon, a 1986 graduate who began at the University of Detroit as a sophomore, said, "There are a lot of guys here at the U of D more brilliant than me, but they didn't have the opportunities I had in high school. In the long run, I'm better off." □

— Paul Antkowiak

## THE FINISH LINE.

Preparing to perform a work and energy experiment in Mr. Don Murad's seventh period Modern Physics class, juniors Mark Schlagheck and Ramsey Abu-Absi recheck the incline board before taking final measurements. Laboratory experiments were just one way Mr. Murad broke the monotony of lecture presentations and made his classes more enjoyable for students. Photo by Bill McFerron.





# A MEASURE OF SUCCESS

## A WELL PLANNED STRATEGY

Getting on a Teacher's Good Side

### #3 Winning his trust

The methods of winning a teacher's trust are similar to brown-nosing techniques, yet there are important, subtle differences.

This stage can be by-passed if you've completed #2 thoroughly.

Instead of trying to trick the teacher, you have to be open. It's also important that you truly like the teacher, at least a little.

The trick rests in capitalizing on the interests you share with the teacher. In the midst of all this, you must remain active in class and attempt to make respectable grades.

Be careful, though. If the teacher doubts your sincerity, the trust you've been building will evaporate. □

— Don Skaff

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They were time-consuming and energy-absorbing. In the long run, though, they added that little extra that led you to greatness.

pend \$1700 to send your son to school. No way! But when you know your son is getting a quality education that isn't available anywhere else, it's worth it. That quality education was most evident in the availability of Advanced Placement and Honors classes.

Honors courses were similar to AP classes in that they required more homework than the average course.

The classes carried both advantages and disadvantages. The student lost free time for each advanced class in which he was scheduled, but the lost time was more than adequately compensated for with the head start he got on university level work.

Of the two, AP courses were significantly more advantageous. College credit for work during high school was something few serious students could

turn down. It was especially appealing to seniors who had begun to realize the cost of attending a university.

In May, students who had struggled through AP courses were offered the chance to take that course's Advanced Placement exam. If they scored well enough, colleges gave them credit for taking that course at the university level.

The phrase *well enough* varied from college to college. The most selective, including Notre Dame, Stanford, and Harvard, required perfect 5s.

Whether for college credit, the discipline of rigorous study, or the simple pursuit of knowledge, students in advanced courses shared one simple benefit. Late May brought them an overwhelming sense of accomplishment. □

— Grant Summers and Don Skaff

### THE HEART OF IT ALL.

Trying to maintain their composure, seniors Tim Pearsall and Mike DeBacker cut a cat's heart out of its chest. As a student in Mr. Hubbell's AP Biology class, Tim gained hands-on experience in dissection and animal physiology. For all its benefits, Tim "found it incredible that people cut up animals for a living." Photo by Bob Hessler.

### A QUICK SOLUTION.

Diluting iodine with hydrochloric acid, senior Max Manley studies the effect of concentrations on chemical systems in an AP Chemistry lab. The class was offered simultaneously with AP Biology for the first time this year, allowing seniors the opportunity to take advantage of the choice of the two college level science courses. Photo by Bob Hessler.



### QUITE A HANDFUL.

Deep in thought, senior Tony Sanchez reviews his Calculus 3 work in the quiet atmosphere of UT's Carlson Library. Having completed AP Calculus his junior year and scoring a 5 on the Advanced Placement test, Tony enrolled in Calculus 3 for college credit. Tony also took AP Chemistry, English, and Latin. Illustration by Chris Fischer.









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## STRATEGY

Getting on a  
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#4

### Using that affection to your advantage

There are three kinds of  
teachers.

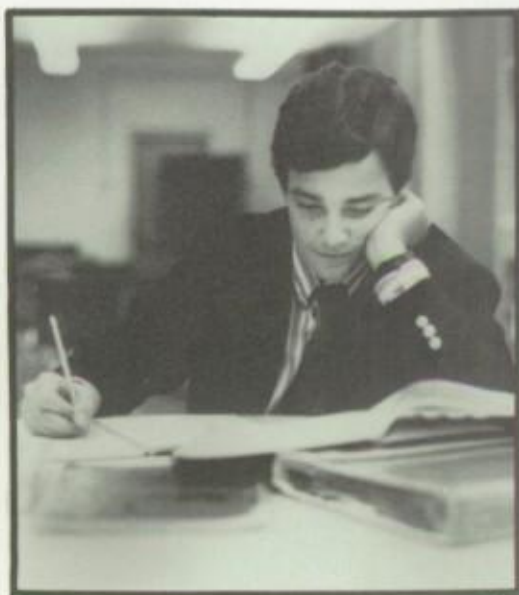
With the first, you need  
not do anything to obtain  
the little advantages. It all  
depends on the teacher.

With type number two, you  
just can't seem to get a  
break. They either don't let  
students get close to them  
or they don't give advan-  
tages to anyone. They do  
things by the book at all  
times.

The third type is the hardest  
to break. They *will* offer  
little advantages, but they  
don't think of it on their own.

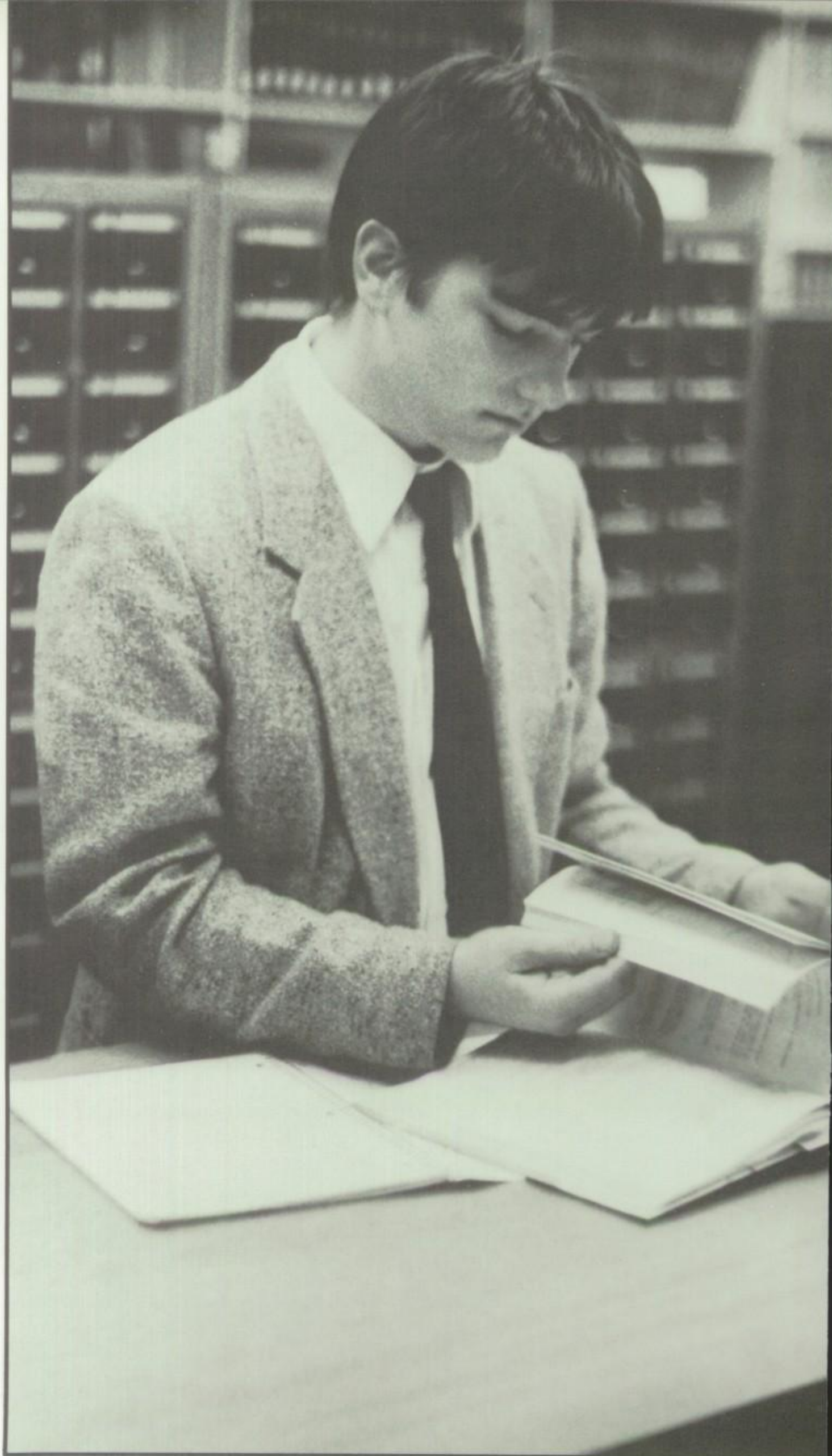
You are forced to drop little  
(and sometimes big) hints.  
A joke or two usually works  
best, although you must be  
careful. If you're too blunt, the  
teacher usually takes it person-  
ally. At that point, you've gone  
to a tremendous amount of  
trouble for nothing. □

— Don Skaff



#### BY THE BOOK.

Intrigued with a science problem, junior Keller Casey works at finishing an Honors Physics assignment. Juniors in Honors and AP courses spent as much as three times the time on homework than students in standard classes. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# BOOKED SOLID

Six hours and 10 minutes of school only scratched the surface. Learning extended outside the classroom and robbed the serious student of any real free time.

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s M-TV a part of your study time? Do you find Genesis motivating you to finish those last three Geometry problems? Do you cram for the big history test chomping on a Twinkie?

If you answered yes to any of these, move over. You're not alone.

In a recent poll, 75% of the student body reported doing homework in front of either the TV or radio. Is it easier to work under these conditions?

It doesn't seem like it ought to be, but a first quarter honor roll of 368 students suggested otherwise.

What about that guy who completed his homework during class, or at lunch,

## A STUDY IN THE ART OF STUDYING.

In preparation for his Calculus IV class at the University of Toledo, senior Paul Adams brushes up on a few theorems from his textbook. Paul completed Calculus IV, V and VI his senior year after taking AP Calculus as a junior and Calculus III during the summer between his junior and senior years. University coursework typically doubled a student's homework load and left little time for regular school work. Illustration by Chris Fischer.



or before the first bell? They're not as rare as you may think. 52% of the student body reported cramming in one of these situations at least once.

Why? Isn't lunch a time to eat and relax?

Not for junior Jason Malczewski. "I do my homework at lunch because it's easier to figure out the answers with help from my friends," he explained.

What about the actively involved student? Sophomore Mike Peterman, a varsity hockey player, explained, "I usually do some homework on the way to practices and games."

Homework for the busy student was an additional challenge because he needed to learn the art of balancing time.

On the other hand, there were the active students who found it easy to finish assignments at home. Junior Eric Savage, a cross country runner, "did my homework at home, usually after dinner." To that homework was sprinkled a fair amount of TV.

Ninety percent of student reported doing homework at home, although a vast majority reported enjoying it more when the radio and/or TV were playing.

Regardless of variations in study habits, students found a system that suited their purposes. They had no real choice. They were Knights and Knights averaged two to three hours of daily home study. If you have any doubt about that, consult the student handbook.

Now, if you'll excuse me, I must go. *The Cosby Show* is on and I have a big Literature test tomorrow. Now where are my headphones? □

— Pat Rybarczyk

## BENT ON SUCCESS.

Pencil in hand, sophomore Jeff Valiton concentrates on his Algebra II Honors homework. Jeff found his sophomore math class, taught by Fr. John Extejt, particularly difficult because "it's more challenging than regular Algebra II." Although the time he spent on homework each night varied, Jeff usually devoted between 2½ and 3 hours daily, helping him maintain the 5.0 GPA he earned freshman year. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## BY THE BOOK.

As he pages through the Oxford Latin Dictionary, junior Jamie Adams searches for the right word to complete his translation assignment. The school library was open to all students from 8:00 AM until 2:50 PM to allow the conscientious individual a little extra time to hit the books.



## NO DAY IS A GOOD DAY

Your worst nightmare came true.

It was exam week and you were faced with two straight days of terror. Endless evenings of study gave way to 75 minutes of test-taking.

Was it always as bad as you had heard?

Wasn't there a good day to take an exam?

The fear that surrounded exam days drove a few people off the deep end. A few overwrought individuals suggested that Prinsday and Scortasday were their choice for exam days. They rationalized that if those days did not exist, no one would have to take an exam.

Regardless of the disdain for exams, they continue to remain an ominous fact of life.

Four times a year, students were forced to confront their fears. They quickly realized the only way to overcome the terror of exam days was to close their eyes, run real fast, and get the exams behind them. □

— Grant Summers and Mark Thrun

## YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE

Not already!

Not exam day!

It was *the* day. It was the day of the impossible exam.

You were up 15 minutes earlier than usual to allow yourself an extra five minutes of cramming. It was all in vain. You knew that before you started, but you could not stop yourself. It was a part of the ritual.

Still groggy from studying through *Late Night with David Letterman*, you slipped on your luckiest shirt and tie combo and headed out the door, notebook and No. 2 pencil in hand.

You arrived at school about five of eight, but rather than go to the library, you decided to study in the hall. Group preparation was much better, you rationalized. Inevitably, you ended up shooting the breeze with your buddies and complaining about your lack of sleep.

Standing near the lounge was Scott Campbell, explaining to a gullible group of freshmen, "I don't fear any exam. The teachers fear me." That brought a smile to your face, but only for a second,

for you realized your toughest exam still lie ahead.

The first bell rang. It was time to panic. Pat McCarthy ran by, screaming, "I detest math exams. Why can't the world place a greater value on liberal arts?"

It was all so typical.

Rushing to the exam room, you bumped into another band of frazzled classmates. Complaining as he always did that "Math is too hard," Jeff Kujawa entered the test room with you.

The second bell rang. You had no choice. You were going to have to go with it. It was too late to even panic.

"If I don't know the material now, I'll never know it," you rationalized. "If I had studied even five extra minutes, I would have burned out. Either that or I would have went blank the minute I looked at the test."

You sat down and began to think of all the concepts, proofs, and lemmas you could and hoped you'd remember the right ones. You just sat and thought ... and thought ... and thought ... □

— Doug Shears and Mark Thrun

## I THINK I'LL GO TO CLASS, I NEED THE SLEEP

### Boring classes.

We've taken them, we've complained about them, and we've made our way through them. The methods varied and were limited only by our creativity.

Sleeping was a popular choice for a few, but seldom successful. As Br. Jim Roth explained, "They try to sleep, but the alarm clock [me] keeps waking them up."

Since sleeping has also been known to lead to a detention or

two, some students turned themselves over to their more artistic side and doodled.

"What started out as a small picture on a desk," explained junior Phil Weisfelder, "ended up as a large collage as everyone added something to it throughout the day."

This practice allowed students to vent both a creative and imaginative form of brain power. Phil remembered, "I once drew a pic-

ture of a dashboard and steering wheel on my desk, and then pretended to drive it down the road for the rest of class." □

— Paul Antkowiak

### JUST LOUNGING AROUND.

Kicked up for a nap, junior Rob Barnes catches a few Z's during class. Late night study sessions and *Late Night with David Letterman* found students dozing off in class. The faculty typically responded to the mid-day rest periods with yellow and pink slips. Illustration by Chris Fischer.





# A LOAD OFF YOUR SHOULDERS

Anxiety. Edgy nerves. A boggled mind.

If you've ever suffered

## MUSIC THERAPY.

Laid back on his living room floor, senior Mark Thrun puts the tension associated with his just-completed exams to the back of his mind as he jams to Journey's *Escape* album. Students responded to the end of exam week with parties and chill out sessions. Illustration by Chris Fischer.

these symptoms, you were either head-over-heels in love with a beautiful girl or you had exams coming up.

Just as everyone had his own way of studying, so too, everyone had his own way of recuperating.

Most found the total isolation of sleep the only effective way to chill out after a long cram session. □

— Mike Granata

# HEAVEN HELP US

The junior year rings in a new era in the life of a student. There are choices in classes taken, a driver's license, Ring Mass, later curfews, and the PSAT.

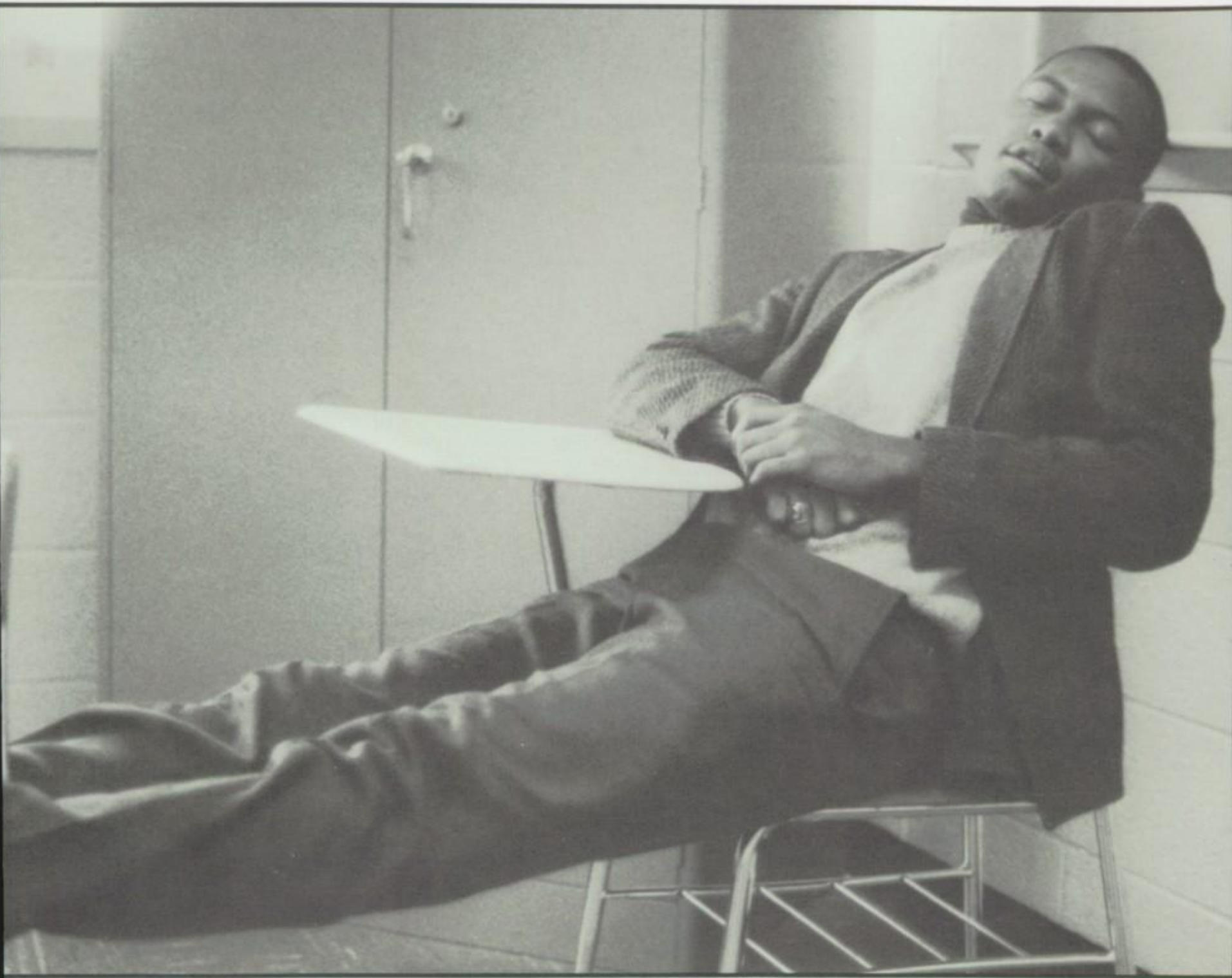
The national test, administered in late October, prepared the student for the SAT and opened doors to scholarship eligibility.

Students felt an intense amount of pressure as the PSAT date ap-

proached. "I felt that if I didn't score well on it [the PSAT], my life would end," claimed junior Brad D'Arcangelo.

Others were more relaxed. "I just relaxed the night before the PSAT," said Greg Cutsinger. "I went in thinking I'd do the best job I could and I was pleased with the results." □

— Grant Summers and Dave Lyons





# IT'S JUST A STATE OF MIND

Your eyes follow the gold watch, suspended by a link chain, sparkling in the light.

Your body begins to feel heavier and heavier and the voice of the hypnotizer seems to be nothing more than a faint whisper.

"You're getting sleepier and sleepier. Concentrate only on the movement of the watch, back and forth, back and forth. Your eyes are getting very heavy."

You begin to see less and less as your senses dull. You lose

touch with reality and slip into a hypnotic state.

Everyone has heard about it and almost everyone thinks they know what it means to be hypnotized. Yet, it remains a mystery.

For students in Mr. Don Kober's Psychology classes, the art of hypnotism lost a little of its intrigue as they learned both the how and why of it as well as its usefulness.

"Even though no one knows why or what really happens dur-

ing hypnotism, nor why it affects everyone different, it has proved to be a help in some areas," said Mr. Larry Hubbell, Biology teacher and self-hypnotist.

It is a tool with many practical applications. In a mere 15 minutes, you can make a headache disappear or feel as if you had the perfect night's sleep. It is also a good means to relax.

What more could any student hope for? □

— Paul Antkowiak

## DREAMTIME

You didn't get enough sleep last night, the class is boring, and you just don't have anything better to do.

What do you do when you find yourself confronted with this dilemma? For most the decision was an easy one. They slept.

Unfortunately, there was one person in the room who wasn't asleep and didn't appreciate the catnaps you tended to take every now and then. He was the teacher and once he noticed you, it was all over except for the shouting. He stalked you as a wild animal did its prey. In that absolute silence, you could hear a pin drop. The rest of the class watched as he set in for the kill. There was no way around it. You were dead meat.

If you were lucky enough to slide by unnoticed, you ought to have felt somewhat rested by the end of class. Don't get too comfortable, though. The next time you're feeling a little run down and decide to transform class time into nap time, be careful. It's a dangerous pastime.

Pleasant dreams. □

— Scott Wilhelm

## CHANGE OF PACE

The typical response is usually cynical. You've heard it before. Study Hall. Gym. Lunch.

So when you hear honest answers that include Chemistry, World Geography, and Psychology, you tend to be startled. After the initial shock subsides, you realize something special is happening. That something is education and the people responsible are the faculty.

In World Geography, Mr. Van Drie stresses involvement and understanding. "I have an open classroom," he explained. "I encourage students to present a point of view about the problems the world faces and then pose feasible solutions. I use this method because I hope students learn to understand and solve the problems they face."

Fr. Jim McHugh is also con-

vinced that involvement is the critical element to a successful class. Cognizant that chemistry can be too theoretical for adolescents to grasp at the reading and lecture levels, Fr. McHugh has made the chemistry he teaches primarily a lab class. He tries to involve students in discussions, demonstrations, and experiments.

Father has maintained his own interest in the material with an attitude he described as "not teaching at them, but learning with them."

When that attitude is successfully implemented, both the student and the teacher grow from the classroom relationship. It is at this point the class becomes truly interesting. As a team, both parties learn and have fun. It's education at its finest. □

— Russ Kahler and Tim Pearsall



THE BEAT OF A DIFFERENT DRUMMER.

Always open to new techniques, Mrs. Amie Stahler offers her Spanish I class a change of pace with a Spanish version of "The Little Drummer Boy." The variety teachers offered helped break the monotony of class lectures. Photo by Chris Fischer.







# AIDS

Accurate.  
Intelligent.  
Dependable.  
Sensible.

What better qualities could a teacher ask for in an aid?

In theory, TAs were seniors with space in their schedules and a desire to help a teacher with whatever work that teacher had. In practice, though, TAs be-

## A GENTLE TOUCH.

Faithful to his laboratory responsibilities, senior Rich Langford tends to Mr. Hubbell's guinea pigs. The major attraction of being a TA was getting a free period with no work, although teachers often surprised unsuspecting students with homework, quizzes, and tests to grade. Illustration by Bill McFerron.

longed in one of three categories: freebies, cheapies, and heebie-geebies.

The freebies were those periods when the teacher let the TA roam.

The cheapies were those periods when the teacher had almost no work, but made the student wait, and wait, and wait, sometimes even until the end of the period.

The heebie-geebies were the worst of the lot. They felt a TA should earn his grade. They were the faculty who followed the rules strictly, giving plenty of work and, worst yet, made the student listen to them teach. □

— Scott Campbell

## A VISIT TO THE BIG TIME

It's Friday, 8:20 AM, and you are still trying to pry your eyes open. You are having a hard enough time watching traffic. How could anyone expect you to look at, much less understand, tangents?

Amid the procession of cars down Bancroft, you see a couple of classmates leaving school.

"Someday, I'll make a 9 AM appointment so I can get out of this dull class," you plan.

That strategy may work, but that's not why those few students were leaving so early. Believe it or not, they were leaving school to go to school.

School was just down the road. Those select few were headed to

the University of Toledo, the big time in education. The university



## SIGN OF THE TIMES.

Looming in front of the university, the UT sign welcomes all incoming students and visitors. St. Francis students studied Calculus at UT as members of the advanced mathematics program. Photo by Bill McFerron.

offered the gifted student an opportunity to take accelerated classes beyond what St. Francis' Advanced Placement program offered.

Traditionally, it was Fr. Tom O'Neill's math students who made the trip to

UT their senior year. Starting in Algebra II Honors as freshmen, these students worked up to AP Calculus 1 and 2 as juniors. The next logical step was Calculus 3, 4 and 5 at the university. Rarely was there a problem in scheduling. All a student did was allocate himself a free period when the course was being offered. □

— Kevin O'Brien



# Got the PICTURE

At first, it was nothing more than a simple aggravation. Eventually, though, it became a reminder that summer was over.

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ou can blame your parents. Better yet, blame dad. Mom is just the victim of circumstances. It wasn't her fault she fell in love with a R, or a T, or a W.

"I don't like being at the end of the alphabet," said junior Eliot Wajskol. "I'm always one of the last ones called and Registration Day always ends up very boring."

It wasn't that excruciatingly long for all the students, though. For a few, like junior Jamie Adams, it proved to be painlessly quick. "It [Registration Day] never bothered me," Jamie explained. "I'm always the second person called. I'm in and out of there quickly."

There was more to registering than just being called, however. There were tuition lines, locker assignments, schedules, health forms, textbooks, and yearbook and ID photos.

The real joy rested in watching green freshmen and awkward sophomores stumble through the ordeal, convinced the world would end because they didn't have the right amount of money, the

proper forms signed, or the stamina to carry 13 textbooks from the cafeteria to their third floor locker. They were gullible, ripe for the picking, only your conscious was acting up. You couldn't bring yourself to make their day any more miserable than it already was. Blame mom for that one. She raised you on just the right amount of guilt.

The day wasn't a total waste, though. You were registered and it only took one hour and thirty five minutes. The afternoon and evening was still yours.

Wait a minute. This means they expect you to report back at 8:15 tomorrow morning for a full day of classes.

No way! It's time to blame mom and dad again. □

— Grant Summers and Scot Mullane

## ARE YOU SURE THAT'S YOU?

Picture in hand, Mr. James Kwiatkowski double-checks just to make sure that freshman Jim Brooks' ID has the correct picture. For Jim, the highlight of registration was "getting my yearbook picture taken. It was one of the best pictures I have ever taken." Photo by Chris Fischer.

## One COOL Dude

The picture is crystal clear. He's the perfect combination of authority and leniency. He's the *ideal teacher*.

By now, we all realize that we will never be gifted with this teaching god. Well, why not? Don't we deserve him once in our high school careers?

In light of this revelation, I set upon my search for the perfect teacher. I spoke with kids from all four classes. What I found is that there is no consensus. Students reported wanting everything from a teacher who didn't give any work to one who kept them constantly working.

Freshmen were interested in having a good time. Learning something was important, but having fun was irreplaceable.

Sophomores wanted to be understood as well as understand the ma-

terial being presented. Fair judgment was the unifying factor among this group.

Juniors were split down the middle. Half were interested in learning while the other half were worried about having a good time.

Seniors were the most learning-conscious of the four groups. With college looming overhead, they were generally interested in getting the most out of their last year of high school. For Brad Hecht, "the perfect teacher must let you know when to have a good time and when to buckle down."

My search led me to one conclusion. The perfect teacher doesn't exist.

Maybe perfection is a little too much to ask. □

— Don Skaff

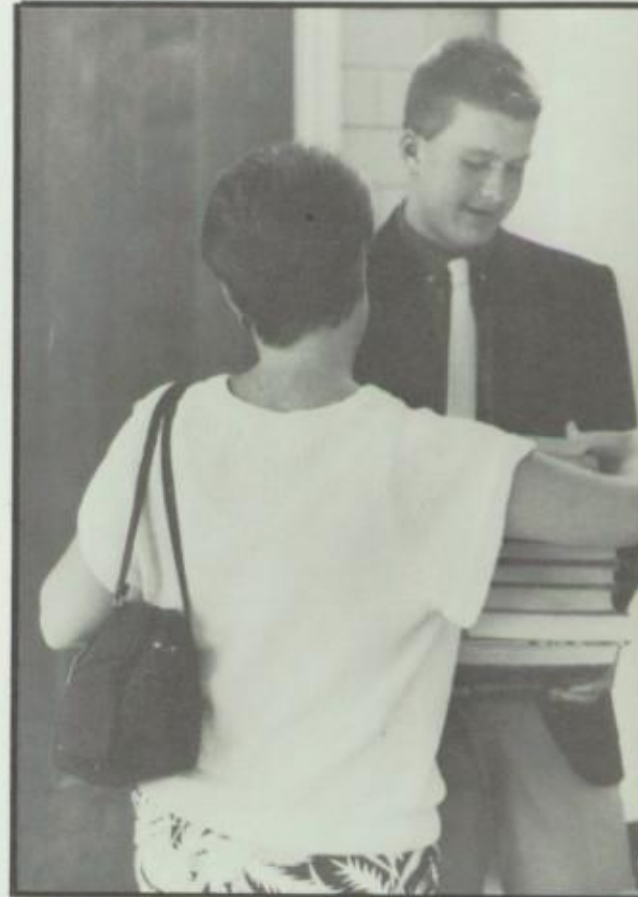






#### A HELPING HAND.

Accepting assistance from his mother, Mrs. Sandra Moore, sophomore Jim Moore balances a stack of 8 textbooks. Jim had mixed feelings during the day. "I was looking forward to meeting new teachers and friends," he said, "but dreading all the homework and tests." Photo by Chris Carper.



#### PEEK-A-BOO.

In preparation for the impending yearbook picture, sophomore Ken Bucher straightens his tie in the mirror held by classmate Chris Daggett. Mr. C. Paul Kenney, the photographer, provided students with mirrors and complementary multi-colored combs on Registration Day. As expected, August 22 proved to be very hectic and tiring. Ken remembered "standing in line waiting for my books was the most aggravating part of the day. It was a *very* long wait." Photo by Chris Fischer.



# A Complex SHIFT

Programmable VCRs and digital dashboards were just symptoms. It was obvious that automization was the way of the future.

“**H**

ello. This is the St. Francis grade terminal. Would you like to review or change a grade?”

Although it may sound like a dream come true, such fantasy was more a function of Hollywood and *War Games* than the reality of long hours of study

and arduous tests. Computers were important, but they weren't a panacea.

#### CLOSE ATTENTION.

The epitome of the computerization of education is the speed and accuracy equipment like the Scan-Tron machine offers. Mr. Mark Lewis, Dean of Men, used computerized testing only twice with his French II students. He has found over the years that students score lower on semester and final exams because the testing technique Scan-Tron requires doesn't mesh with his teaching style. The lower scores are more the result of the student's inability to put his thoughts on paper than anything else. Illustration by Chris Fischer.

This past year, computer technology made significant inroads into the administration and Science Department. Fr. Thomas O'Neill, Academic Dean, used his Apple II hardware to print teacher and student schedules.

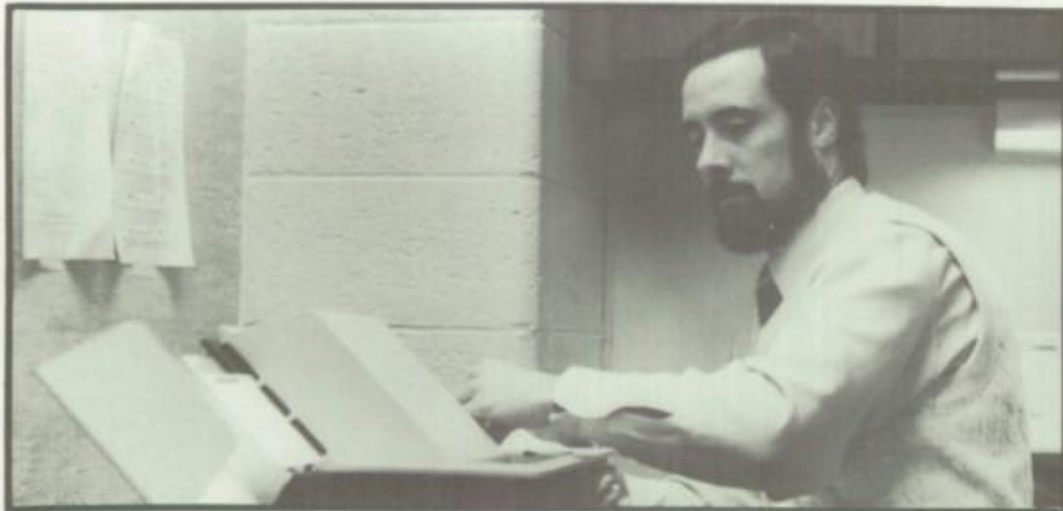
Individual teachers jumped on the computer bandwagon. Mr. Don Murad, physics teacher, used his physics lab's computer to store and average grades and to review and print out sections of his tests.

He also incorporated its use into classroom presentations to help illustrate some of the more difficult physics concepts. His students testified to its value. Senior Chris Eck, a student in AP Physics, found that “computers made it a lot easier to see how the principles of physics worked in the real world.”

That was the key. They helped students and teachers cope with the real world.

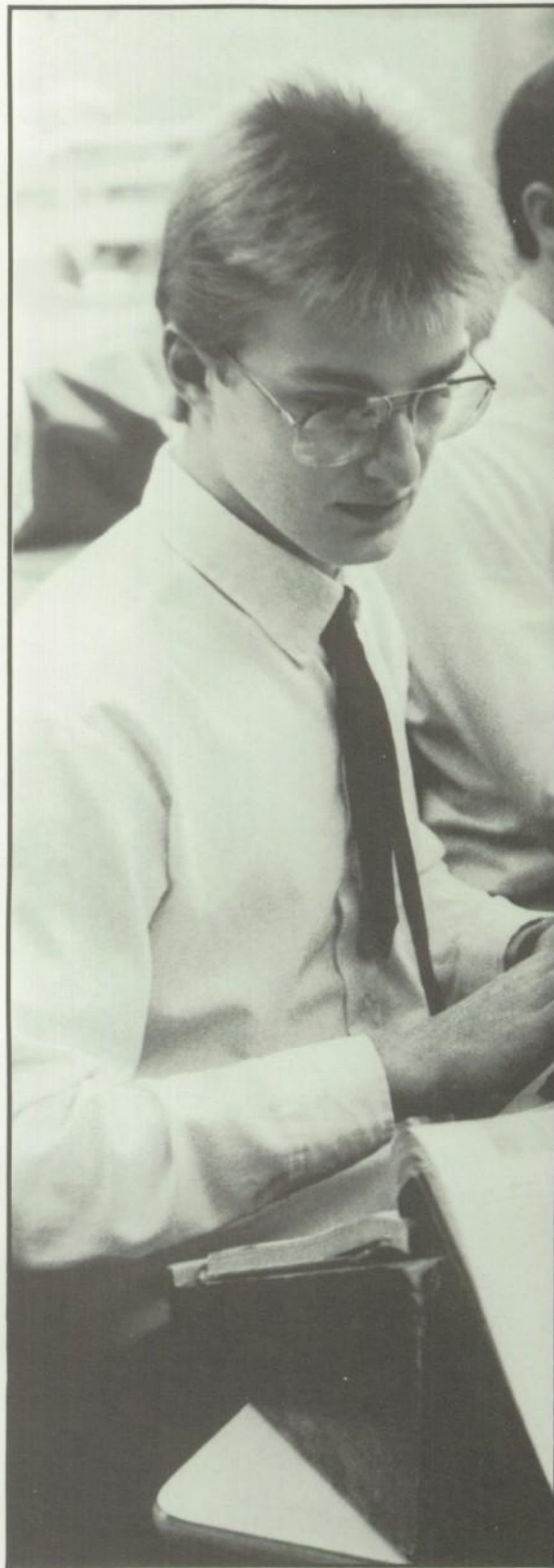
This was the real world and the efficiency computers offered made it a little more bearable. □

— Don Skaff



#### ADVANCED TECHNIQUES.

As they sharpen their manual dexterity in Mr. Carl Collier's Typing Term Paper class, juniors Eric Kertz and Bob Dettinger work at increasing their speed without sacrificing accuracy. With the increasing use of computers in every aspect of education, students realized how helpful typing skills were. Photo by Bill McFerron.

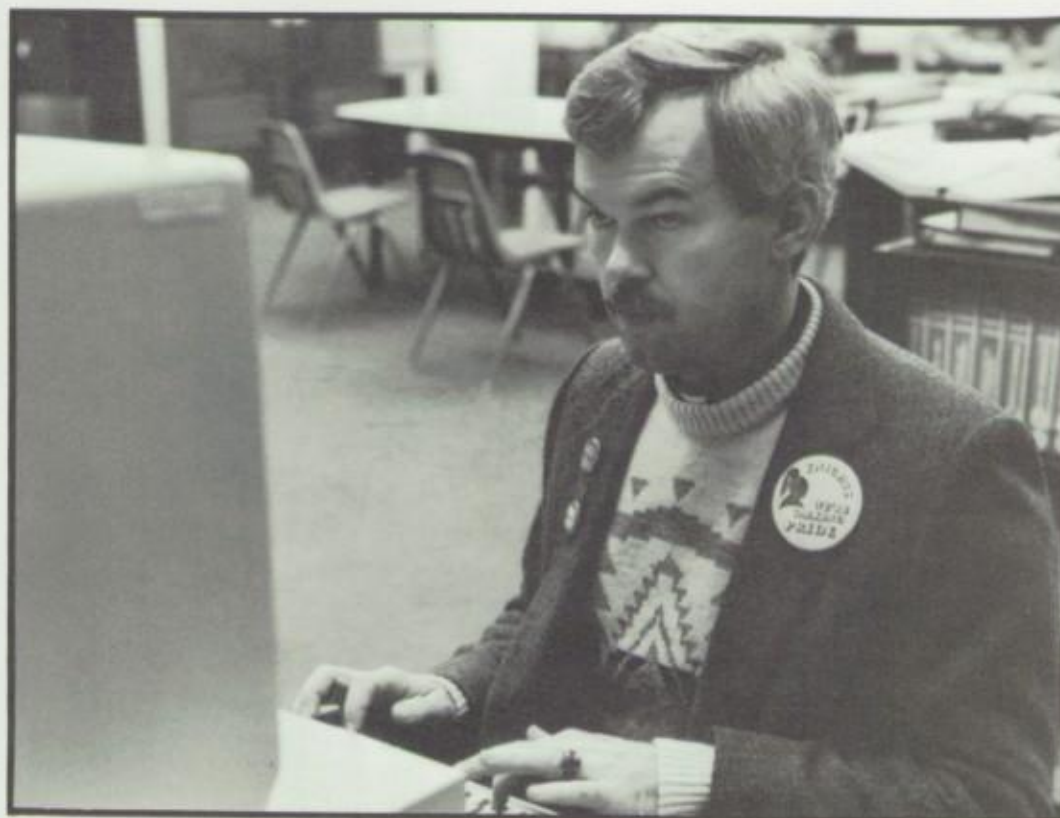






#### NOT JUST ANOTHER COPY.

As she operates the photocopier machine, Sr. Ann Marie Emon makes use of one machine the faculty has at its disposal to enhance a student's education. Sr. Ann Marie also made extensive use of an overhead projector in an attempt to allow students to see what they heard. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### ACADEMIC PROGRESS.

Getting ready for mid-quarter progress reports, Fr. Jim McHugh studies the averages of his Chemistry students. Fr. McHugh found that "computer technology allowed me to do my work with greater accuracy and speed." Illustration by Bob Hessler.

## One COOL Dude

**L**ooking to hire the perfect teacher, St. Francis de Sales High School is willing to offer a living wage and excellent working conditions.

More than one position is available. All qualified applicants are encouraged to submit a resume. Competent candidates will be hired on the spot.

Experience is not necessary, but extremely helpful.

Applicants must enjoy spending at least seven hours a day with teen-age boys. A pleasant yet powerful personality is a great asset.

An indepth understanding of the subject area must be balanced with a good sense of humor.

Applicants must be able to relate to students,

talking with them at their level. Candidates must be patient and understand that not all students catch on quickly. All prospective employees must be able to explain every concept in more than one way and in such a manner that everyone will understand.

Applicants are expected to assign written homework. Busy work is never acceptable.

Control is as important as the ability to get along with students. All candidates must be in control of the entire class at all times.

If you meet the above criteria, apply in person to St. Francis de Sales High School, 2323 West Bancroft Street, Toledo, Ohio 43607. □

— Don Staff



#### NO IFs, ANDs, OR BUTs ABOUT IT.

Appropriately dressed in his Ohio Highway Patrol uniform, trooper Jim Czerniakowski explains the driver point system to Sgt. Damasco's Criminal Justice class. A 1975 graduate of St. Francis, Mr. Czerniakowski helped the students understand the role the Ohio Highway Patrol played in the criminal justice system. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### BEHIND BARS.


Engrossed in their explanations, senior Colin Parker listens to Counselor Sylvia Linzy and Case Work Supervisor Cindy Dean discuss the Lucas County Jail's procedure for handling incoming prisoners. 27 students from Sargeant Damasco's class visited the jail the first week of November to observe the textbook's theory in practice. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### A FINE POINT.

Presenting her position to Mr. Paul Gilsdorf's American Government class, Judy Jones, a City Council member, discusses the relationships of local and state governments. Mrs. Jones ran for the Ohio Senate in the November elections against Linda Furney, who also talked to Mr. Gilsdorf's class. Jones lost the election by 14,255 votes, winning only 30% of the total votes [*The Toledo Blade's* unofficial results]. Photo by Chris Carper.







# Beyond a SHADOW of a Doubt

The little extras teachers offered — field trips, guest speakers, and experiments — were just the ticket to get the point across.

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un? No way! This is school. Whoever heard of having fun in school?

How could you ever forget those grade school horror stories? Sister Mary Mary and Miss Marple stood overhead, unrelentlessly drilling the basics of reading, writing, and arithmetic. The repetition was invaluable and, although you weren't willing to verbally admit it, you were grateful.

But fun? Get serious!

The vast majority of students needed the constant threat of parental retaliation to find the motivation to earn respectable grades. Even then, some students barely slid by.

It wasn't that teachers went out of their way to make learning miserable. To the contrary, most dug deep into their creative reservoirs to find fun ways to help kids learn.

#### A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS.

Perched on a dorm windowsill at the Ball State Summer Journalism Workshops, sophomore Brandon Yanez poses for junior Chris Fischer's silhouette assignment. Ball State provided an exciting atmosphere to improve one's photography skills and taught the importance of using techniques like silhouetting, framing, and leading lines. Using these techniques successfully took a great deal of creativity and challenged the photographer to take ordinary, everyday situations and turn them into something spectacular. Photo by Chris Fischer.

Mr. Hubbell, biology teacher, scheduled as many discussions and laboratory exercises as possible. Laboratory experiments provided students with a hands-on learning experience and broke the monotony of classroom lectures.

Mrs. Stahler made her point with her voice. She purposely made comical noises to stress the proper pronunciation of Spanish syllables.

Field trips, including Sarge Damasco's Criminal Justice excursions to the county jail and Mr. Livecchi's British Literature theater presentations, gave students the opportunity to apply textbook information to the real world.

Sr. Ann Marie Emon brought guest speakers to her Social Justice classes on a weekly basis. Students were privileged to listen to bishops, activists, and victims discuss coping with the world's injustices.

Mr. Don Kober used comedy to help lighten the atmosphere. He amused students with his one-liners and impromptu guest speakers.

Fun? Okay, so learning could be fun. But keep it under your hat. Once they have us accepting that, they'll expect us to believe that teachers are real people with feelings.

No way!

— Marc Kessler

Teacher's **PET**

**F**or the 2035th time in his career, Mr. Vincent Lowe, the average, everyday high school teacher, enters his classroom. He looks around. The room is empty. The clock reads 7:35.

In less than one hour, the room will be filled with rowdy kids, all seeming to have the same goal in life — to make his life a living hell.

Unlike students, he sees no end to his high school career. After they have long since graduated, he'll still be in the same room, teaching the same material to another group of rowdy kids.

Just once he'd like to have the perfect student. The one who does his homework and doesn't give him any trouble, but still knows when it's time for a joke or two. He would like, just once, to be gifted with a student who tried to learn without having to be forced to study and do homework.

Just at the point of depression where selling insurance began to look stimulating, he felt a tap on his shoulder. He looked up to see Ken Erdmenn, a student from his third hour class.

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# A HORSE

## of a Different Color

The variety new approaches offered were invaluable learning tools. By traveling abroad and living with foreign families, students found themselves learning in ways no textbook could outline.

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wo years required, three highly recommended.

Those six words were one directive that set this school apart from the Toledo Public School system. It was a decision you were forced to make as an inexperienced eighth grader. Mom and dad had a few gentle suggestions and big brothers had more than a few ominous warnings.

German, French, Spanish, or Latin. What difference did it make to you, anyway? It was all Greek to you.

Regardless of your background or desire, you were enrolled in a college prep school. The guidelines were clear. Two years required, three highly recommended. You had to think about your future.

Be realistic. What 13-year-old boy can make reasonable college plans?

That's where the academic program and guidance department took over. Mrs. Janet Watkins, Senior Guidance Counselor, prompted all students to seriously consider *at least* three years. "Three or four years of a foreign lan-

guage stick out like a light bulb on your transcripts," she said. "Colleges *really* like to see that in a prospective student."

Senior Brad Hecht agreed with Mrs. Watkins. "They [the Academic Council] should change the requirement," he suggested. "Three years allow you to learn more of a language." He understood that two years of study gave the student a basic feel for the language and its structure, but he did not believe it allowed for adequate comprehension and fluency.

Sophomore Chris McGraw did not agree. "If DeVilbiss, or other public high school students didn't have to take them [foreign languages], then why should we?" he questioned. "Besides," he argued, "if everyone in other countries are studying English, why should we learn their language?"

That third, and maybe fourth, year required teacher approval. As a result, classes were dramatically smaller. Less students allowed teachers to drill speaking and listening skills. Individualized

attention became the norm rather than the exception.

Fourth year classes were devoted almost exclusively to listening, speaking, and translating. Students possessed a strong enough vocabulary to devote themselves to oral fluency and speaking comprehension. Curricula was, in general, directed at allowing students to excel on the rugged AP exams.

The late Sidney Harris once said one regret most adults carry is never having learned to speak a foreign language fluently. That's *most* adults. These future adults at this college prep school were not a part of that *most*. In just one more way, they became better than *most*. □

— Kevin O'Brien

### THE FRENCH CONNECTION.

After singing "O Christmas Tree" in French, freshman Bob Anderson enjoys the French atmosphere in the lobby of the Hotel Sofitel. Bob joined other area French high school students to get a taste of the French culture and to practice their speaking skills at the December 5 excursion. Photo by Scot Mul-lane.

Teacher's **PEP**

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Ken wasn't doing well, although it wasn't from a lack of trying. He always paid attention in class and never missed a homework assignment. He wasn't one of those kids who was naturally gifted, but he always tried his hardest to complete whatever task he was given. He did an incredible amount of studying on top of playing football and running track.

Ken looked down and asked, "Are you all right, Mr. Lowe?" It was obvious he was a little tired, but beneath those sleepy eyes lie genuine concern.

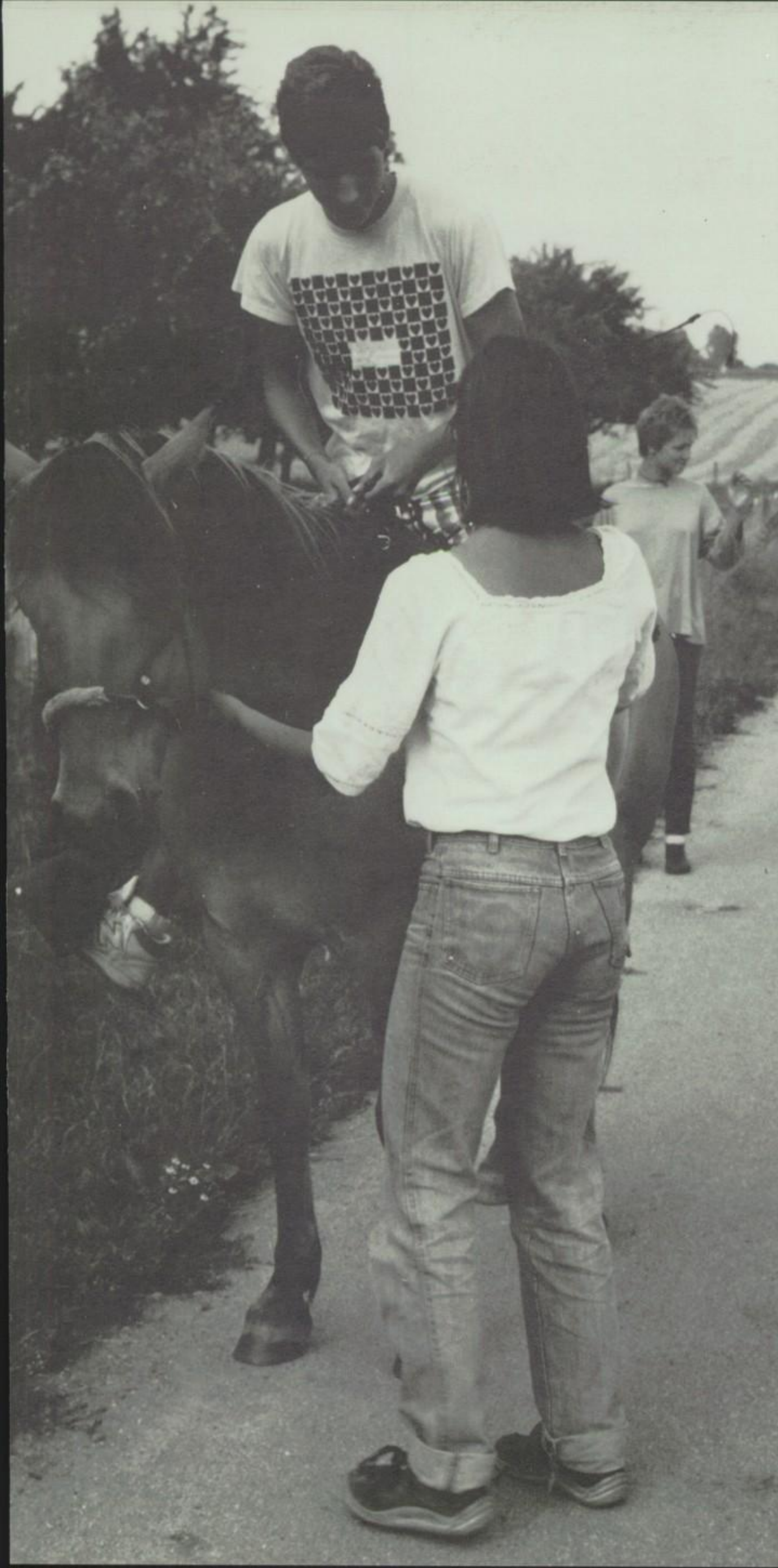
Mr. Lowe nodded and asked what he needed. Ken explained that neither he nor his friend could figure out this one question and he agreed to get to school early, hoping that Mr. Lowe could spare a few moments. They discussed the problem for the next few minutes. Ken thanked him and left.

A few minutes later, when his first class began to trickle in, Mr. Lowe had a strange grin on his face. It stayed there for the rest of the day. Maybe he didn't have a perfect student, but he sure knew a few who were as close as they come. □

— Don Skaff







#### WHITE COLLAR AFFAIR.

Singing *Vive Le Vent* [the French version of *Jingle Bells*], junior Dean Mariea joins other Toledo area French students for a Christmas presentation at the Hotel Sofitel. The December 5 field trip to Portside offered every interested student a chance to improve his oral fluency and speaking comprehension and have fun at the same time. Photo by Bill McFerron.

#### BACK IN THE SADDLE.

Mounted for a romp through the German countryside, junior Mark Hanusz listens to the advice of Andrea Schroder. Inspired by an offer made by Mr. Leo Schulte, Mark, a third year German student, spent three weeks in the Schroder home in the small village of Hambach, Germany. Mark soon adapted to the dialect and found himself "wanting to improve my knowledge of the German people and their language. I made many great friends, especially with my host, Matthias." Photo by Rosemarie Schroder.



# ACTIONS

## SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

You'd think that seven hours a day, five days a week, 36 weeks a year would be enough for anyone.

The flaw to that argument, though, is that we weren't just anyone. We made this building of brick, glass, and steel more than a school. Despite the fact that it looked like and had all the trimmings of a school — teachers, students, lockers, books, and chalkboards — it was more. It was home.

We were never able to get enough. It got into our systems and filtered into every aspect of our being. It was a way of life.

We sweated at long, grueling practices, only to return in three hours to party to the sounds of *The Affair* or to cheer a nationally ranked basketball team to victory.

We breathed life into Recussa-Annie in the All Purpose Room from 8:30 to 2:40 and then outwitted the best trained brains the city had to offer in three to four hour chess matches.

We discussed the pros and cons of pesticide use in agriculture and then traveled as far as New York to debate our position in the argument.

We competed amongst ourselves for intramural football and basketball championships, coming as early as 7:30 AM and leaving as late as 4:30 PM — all for a trophy we couldn't keep.

How could anything have such control over anyone? Certainly we were driven to contribute to and improve the school by giving it all we had, but there was more. We wouldn't have worked so hard if we didn't *want it*, if it wasn't an expression of ourselves, if we weren't having the time of our lives.

We weren't just classmates studying at a school. We were friends working together because of a school.

Sure, we studied and we worked. Thank God, though, there was more.







### Old Pleasure Boat.

Engaged in a heated discussion, Jigger Craigin and carnival widow Mrs. Mullin debate her free-wheeling ways. Despite his role as villain, Jigger warned this "wobbly-hipped slut" that her interference in his friend's marriage was unwanted. Acting was one activity that helped students discover new facets to their already diverse characters. Photo by Chris Fischer.



### Sitting Pretty.

Admiring her work, St. Ursula senior Janelle White takes a break from the September 6 car wash to catch a few rays. Janelle, a three year member of the cheerleading squad, helped raise over \$500 at the annual event. From thinking little girls had cooties to falling head-over-heels in love with them, boys matured in their understanding of a girl's role in their lives. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## No FUN Allowed

**W**hat kind of fun did you have performing in the Flag Corps that isn't something adults want you to have fun doing?

"The trips on the busses. Behind the TARTA driver's back we'd do flips on bars and we'd sing suggestive songs."

— Michelle Kaminski

"On the bus, we were really wild. Lori Walker and I walked around SFS shooting people with our guns. Everything we did was good clean fun."

— Lisa Pinski

"We'd yell and scream a lot. We got excited."

— Jenny Ludlow

"We made our own routines, contrary to what the supervisor said. I also had my friends come over and talk with me after the first and third quarters. We weren't allowed to have people outside the Flag Corps visit with us."

— Rachel VanLandingham

Fourteen girls and a new adviser joined forces to present spectacular halftime shows. Opposing groups found the Flag Corps

# A Hard Act to FOLLOW

"...to support the Band, the team, and the school."

"... to promote spirit and enthusiasm at the games."

That was how Ms. Cheryl Kaminski defined the Flag and Rifle Corps goals during the football season.

"And I personally believe they all did *very* well this season," she added confidently.

A 1984 St. Ursula graduate, Ms. Kaminski joined the staff as the corps adviser. This year, however, was not her first as an involved member of the St. Francis community. A corps alumni herself, she twirled and marched during the 1981, 1982, and 1983 seasons.

"My experience with the Corps was one of the primary reasons I was chosen for the position,"

she speculated. "That, and my enthusiasm."

Participating and leading have their differences, though, something Ms. Kaminski soon learned. She assumed the position after summer practices had begun, which denied her any opportunity to prepare an effective training program for the Corps.

She was forced to rely heavily on the assistance of returning members, a situation that couldn't have been any more ideal. "A few of the girls really worked hard teaching the skills they learned from experience, especially Rachel VanLandingham and Eileen Russell."

Ms. Kaminski also gave a lot of credit for this season's general success to Band alumnus Bob Zirker. "He simply loves the Band program," she said. "He gave me tremendous

support and encouragement."

The new adviser was forced to deal with a number of pre-season dropouts. "Last year, the Corps had a difficult season," she explained. "They saw themselves as picking up a bad reputation, something which they were compelled to overcome."

The loss was most obvious in the Rifle Corps, which went through the 10 game season with only two members. Despite, or maybe in spite of, that adversity, the duo practiced hard. "We worked up our own routines," they proclaimed, "and we did our best."

Part of doing their best involved working with the Band. Ms. Kaminski found Mr. Collier, Band Director, "easy to work with. He respected a professional opinion and had good sug-

gestions."

Mr. Collier was less involved with the running of the Corps than the two previous directors. He believed that "the director should concentrate on the music and the marching. The adviser's role is to lead the Corps, something she [Ms. Kaminski] did an excellent job at." □

— Richard VanLandingham

### FALL IN LINE.

With the conclusion of the pre-game show at hand, SUA seniors Robin Driver and Jenny Gregor, SUA sophomore Stacy Stalter, and NDA sophomore Dana McGowan stand at attention as the Band plays the National Anthem. Stacy joined the Flag Corps for many of the same reasons most girls eventually become involved. "My friends were in it, my brother used to be in the Band, and my mom encouraged me to try out," she explained. Photo by Chris Carper.







**OPENING NIGHT JITTERS.**  
Hiding her nervousness before her first performance as a Flag Corps twirler behind a smile, NDA junior Rachel VanLandingham pauses during the pre-game show to catch a reassuring glance from her family in the stands. Photo by Marc Kaspitzke.

**HIGH SALUTE.**

Coordinating her steps with the other members of the corps, NDA junior Lisa Pinski performs during the halftime show of the Waite football game. Lisa, a two year member of the Rifle Corp, choreographs her own routines with NDA junior Laurie Walker. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**1986 FLAG and RIFLE CORPS** Bottom Row: Rachel VanLandingham, Jenny Ludlow, Stacy Staler, Holly Long, Michele Kaminski, Kris Scott, Eileen Russell. Top Row: Lisa Pinski, Dana Brindley, Robin Driver, Flag Instructor Cheryl Kaminski, Dana McGowan, Jenny Gregor, Laurie Walker. Photo by C. Paul Kenney.



**1986 MARCHING BAND** Bottom Row: Bruce Mucci, Bob Anderson, Tony Jacobs, Richard VanLandingham, Brian Bristol, Mike Damas, Jim Schwind. Second Row: Mike

Zakrzewski, Steve Antalek, Ed Sanders, Kevin Howland, Matt Wozniak, Chris Daggett, Mark Karmel, Keith Dressel, Blaine Washington. Top Row: Dave Kwapich, Pat Stewart,

Chad Kujawa, Steve Moore, Garrin Parker, John Walters, Ken Turk, Tom Eppard, Brad Burdue, Bob Thompson, Jay Kwiatkowski. Photo by C. Paul Kenney.



They improved beyond even their wildest expectations.  
Their performances were

*A Total*

# BLOWOUT

“Why would anyone want to be part of something that people laugh at?”

asked Mr. Carl Collier

That rhetorical question pretty well described the task he tackled as the Music Department's new director. A graduate of the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Education and a music major, Mr. Collier spent the 1985 season as Band Director at Bowsher High School. In one year, he earned a reputation which preceded him to St. Francis. He prepared a 60 member band for the season opener in one week and demonstrated the ability to *move* a group with a command.

But could he live up to all that? Most people, although hesitantly hopeful, were skeptical. “We really wanted a new beginning for the Band,” commented one member, “but so many false starts were

depressing.”

It seemed, however, that this new guy turned out to be more than anyone bargained for.

“He pushed us harder than any other director, EVER!” testified Band President Bob Thompson. “I’m not complaining, though.”

The first thing he faced was an image problem. It was “incredibly bad,” Mr. Collier stated frankly, “and that included the opinions of the Band members themselves. They needed to improve *their* self-image and have respect for themselves first! Then gradually the views of others would change, and problems like the size of the Band would not be obstacles any longer.”

Mr. Collier got to the heart of that concept immediately by concentrating on performance abilities, especially music. His aim was to give the Band

something to be proud of. From their comments, it was clear he succeeded.

“We finally got the respect we deserve. We got a Band Director that we could respect and who respected us,” stated Alto Sax Squad Leader Jim Schwind, resolutely. “Mr. Collier taught us to be proud of our accomplishments. He demanded our best from us, and the result was good shows!”

This season’s success was founded on two principles: skill and respect. At last, Band members were able to say, as Jim Schwind did, “I’m proud to have been in the Band.” □

— Richard VanLandingham

## BRASS TACTICS.

Excited to be back in uniform, sophomore Kevin Howland and junior Tony Jacobs perform during the Waite’s game pre-game show. A two year member of the ensemble, Kevin felt “the Band hyped up the team, the cheerleaders, and the fans.” Photo by Chris Carper.







## No FUN Allowed

**W**hat kind of fun did you have playing in the Marching Band that isn't something adults want you to have fun doing?

"Nothing really. I'm not the one who screws around."

— Tom Eppard '88

"We like to get into the game. We get rowdy and have a lot of spirit. We have cheers against the other band."

— Richard VanLandingham

"I do everything the director wants me to. I don't fool around that much."

— Jay Kwiatkowski '90

"I get so psyched up and rowdy before my performance that adults think I'm obnoxious."

— Jim Schwind '87

"Mouthing off to people in the other team's stands when they say something derogatory about us."

— Bruce Mucci '89

"The drum section really screws around. We tend to skip practices to watch the cheerleaders and Flag Corps. This year we had to be more careful because we didn't know what to expect with the new director."

— Blaine Washington '89



### THAT'S ALL FOLKS.

Striking their poses, juniors Keller Casey and Steve Antalek (kneeling) and freshman Brad Burdue, sophomore Mark Karmel, and senior Jim Schwind finish the theme to *The Muppet Show* with a spread eagle. Field practices for the Marching Band's formations began three weeks before the opening night performance at DeVilbiss. Photo by Chris Fischer.

**ROCKIN' AND A ROLLIN'.** Blasting out the notes to "Barbara Ann," junior Tony Jacobs entertains the DeVilbiss crowd during the open-

ing game's halftime show. Tony, a three year member of the Marching Band, loved "getting into all the games free." Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### GOING MY WAY, SAILOR?

With the intense concentration of a perfect performance etched on his face, senior Chuck Day prepares to kick out in the first act show-stopper, "Blow High, Blow Low." Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE.

Never too shy to help a beautiful woman, senior Joe Hall, graduate Bruce Lazar, and junior John Stover rush to the aid of the fragile Julie Jordan [NDA graduate Audra Dennehy]. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### PASSING THE BUCK.

Riding the wave of his shipmates' enthusiasm, Jigger Craigin [senior Pat McCarthy] voices a few complaints about the landlubbers' treatment of sailors like himself

and friends Dave Riethof, Steve Lazar, Jamie Meyers, Jim Stoll, Dan Gries, and Mike DeBacker. Jigger was Pat's first major role in his three years of involvement in SFS musicals. Photo by C. Fischer.



After three months of preparation, Opening Night found the company of *Carousel* revealing

# PLAN *of Action*

“At the end of the storm is a golden sky and the sweet silver song of the lark.”

The immortality those words captured encapsulated the attitude of the cast, crew, and orchestra of *Carousel*, SFS' seventeenth annual spring musical. The anger and frustration of the final few weeks of production were forgotten opening night as the crowd responded with a standing ovation.

The company had experienced the message of the show first-hand. They were forced to bear the fur-

ors of the storm before they could bask in the warmth of the sun. The complaints and long nights were prerequisites to any of the pleasures that accompanied a well-received show.

The production began far before the show was brought to stage. Early in January, Mr. Bob Stucker, producer and director, held initial tryouts. First calls drew 80+ students from St. Francis and the three academies.

Rehearsals began three weeks later, twice a week, for two months. As the show drew nearer, the rehearsal schedule was updated to include all available free time. Tempers flared and nerves were frazzled as everyone realized the work that needed to be done in such a short time.

Production continued. Barriers were overcome. Problems were resolved. Dances were perfected.

Everything fell into

place dress rehearsal night when the company performed for its first live audience. The show reached its pinnacle the second Saturday when the cast received two standing ovations, one after "Blow High, Blow Low" and one after the final curtain.

The story itself centered on Billy Bigelow, a barker at a local carousel. Billy fell in love with Julie Jordan, a quiet, beautiful young girl. The couple quit their jobs and were married.

Afraid of his own emotions, Billy failed to treat Julie with the respect she deserved until she became pregnant. Billy, unemployed and without a penny to his name, reluctantly gave into his not-so-reputable friend, Jigger Craigin, and agreed to rob the ship's captain.

The robbery attempt was aborted and Billy, in an attempt to avoid getting caught and disgracing his wife and

unborn child, kills himself.

After 15 years of purgatory, Billy was given the chance to redeem himself and go to heaven. He returned to earth for a day and gave his shy, unpopular daughter the courage to overcome her insecurities. His sins laid to rest, Billy went to heaven.

The ensembles' experience of the show reflected the same gentle turmoil of life the story of *Carousel* told. The entire company worked together as a unit, a unit that sweated, that complained, that laughed, that celebrated.

It was the experience of what junior Dan Gries called "becoming family. You *become* a part of the entire cast." Senior Scott Wilhelm agreed. He described it as a "togetherness. Everyone gathered for prayer before each show. Everyone rejoiced as the curtain fell. That's what it was all about." □

— Mark Thrun

## LEARN YOUR LESSON WELL.

Dumbfounded by his cohort Jigger Craigin's lack of feeling, the naive Billy Bigelow (graduate Ian Knauer) tries to understand Jigger's robbery scheme. Although the plan looked perfect on paper, it backfired when the ship's captain caught wind of what was in the works. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## No FUN Allowed

**W**hat kind of fun did you have doing the musical that isn't something adults want you to have fun doing?

"During *June is Busting Out All Over*, doughnuts and coffee were brought out on stage and we ate them. They were a part of the scene, but we weren't suppose to eat them."

— Michael DeBacker '87

"In my parents' generation, partying was sitting around with

your friends drinking a soda. They might find staying out until 2 in the morning a little too much. Listening to loud music, rock 'n' roll in particular, definitely just might be too strong for them to handle."

— Marc Nusser '89

"If my parents knew some of the things I did during musical, I probably wouldn't be allowed to do another musical. We did crazy things like piling half the cast into one car and driving to

McDonald's or going to Wildwood Preserve and playing stupid kid games like Hide-and-Seek and Tag."

— John Stover '88

"There were two. One was painting the Bridge before TU bought it and it became illegal. The other one was dressing Al Mannes up as a girl and having him on stage during a scene."

— Kevin O'Brien '87



They discussed finances and the Discipline Board's student representatives. Inevitably, it was always

# A QUESTION

## of Priority

**T**hink. How often did you hear the phrase *Student Council*?

How many people did you know on *Student Council*?

How many *Student Council*-sponsored activities did you attend?

Think.

Student Council was the 'prestigious' group of young men governing the student body. Responsible for a multitude of odd jobs, the student government, in reality, served as a friendly liason between students and the administration.

The meetings, although at times strict and quite formal, were, for the most part, relaxed and open to all students. Matters of discussion ranged from

what to do on spirit days to the assistance the student body would offer the Little Sisters of the Poor. In addition to the prepared agenda, class officers and homeroom reps were free to introduce any issue.

The council sponsored Homecoming and the traditional four open dances. In addition, they facilitated the sale and distribution of candy grams to the academics.

They put up signs. They made weekly announcements. They helped organize pep rallies. They did what their name suggested. They promoted positive spirit. They got students psyched.

The library's carpeting, the front drive's chain-link fence, and the drinking fountain across from the Guidance Reading Room

were all the products of Student Council. Homecoming, dances, pep rallies, spirit days, and candy grams were all their doing.

What would we have done without them?

Think. □

— Mark Thrun

### THE RIGHT CHOICE.

Determined to make a decision before the end of the meeting, senior Cal Kynard patiently waits for Student Council President Nick Kurek to recognize him and give him the chance to voice his concern. Meanwhile, Treasurer Frank Petersberger collects sophomore Steve Mayes' and Cal's votes for student representatives to the Discipline Board. The Board, which included seniors Tony Sanchez and Scott Kwiatkowski, met to listen and interact with the student in question and, as a Board, make a recommendation to Fr. Olszewski concerning the student's status. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## Through the LOOKING GLASS

**W**hat do you think it means to be a member of Student Council?

"I don't know. I've never been on Student Council. I think it's probably more a responsibility than a privilege."

— Steve Antalek '88

"It's a once in a lifetime thing. I think you should go for it. If you're lucky, you could get elected."

— Jason Mantel '90

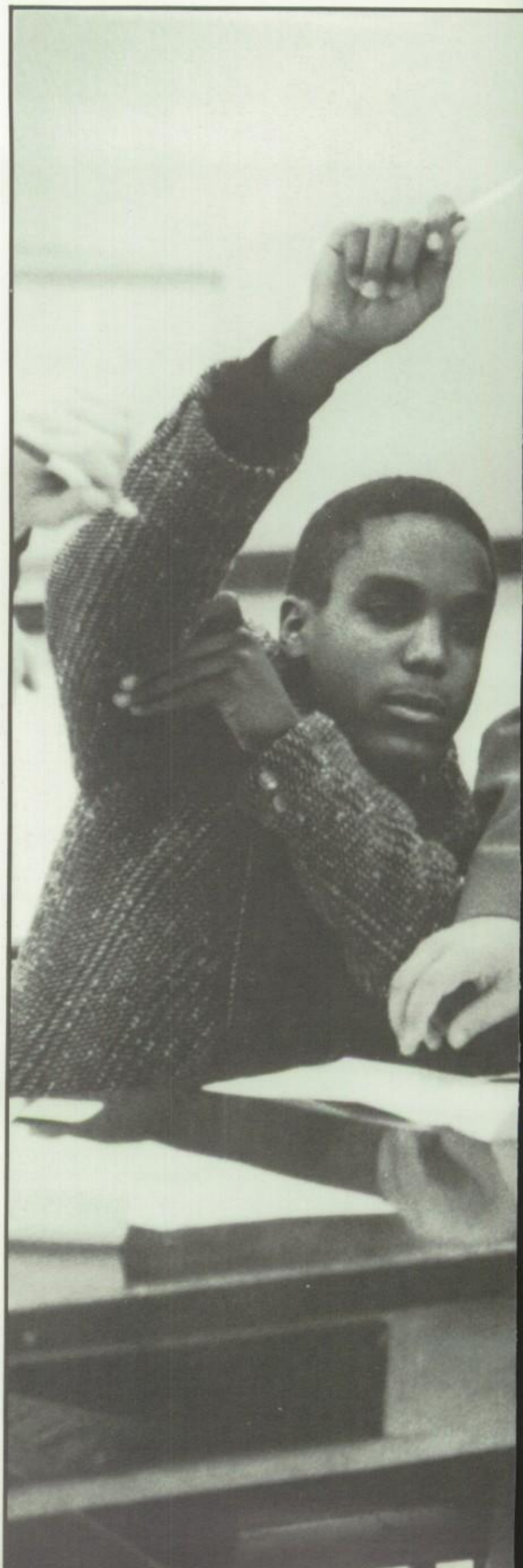
**W**hat do you think the average student thinks it means to be a member of Student Council?

"I think they see it as a privilege. They think your friends see you as more than a classmate and a friend."

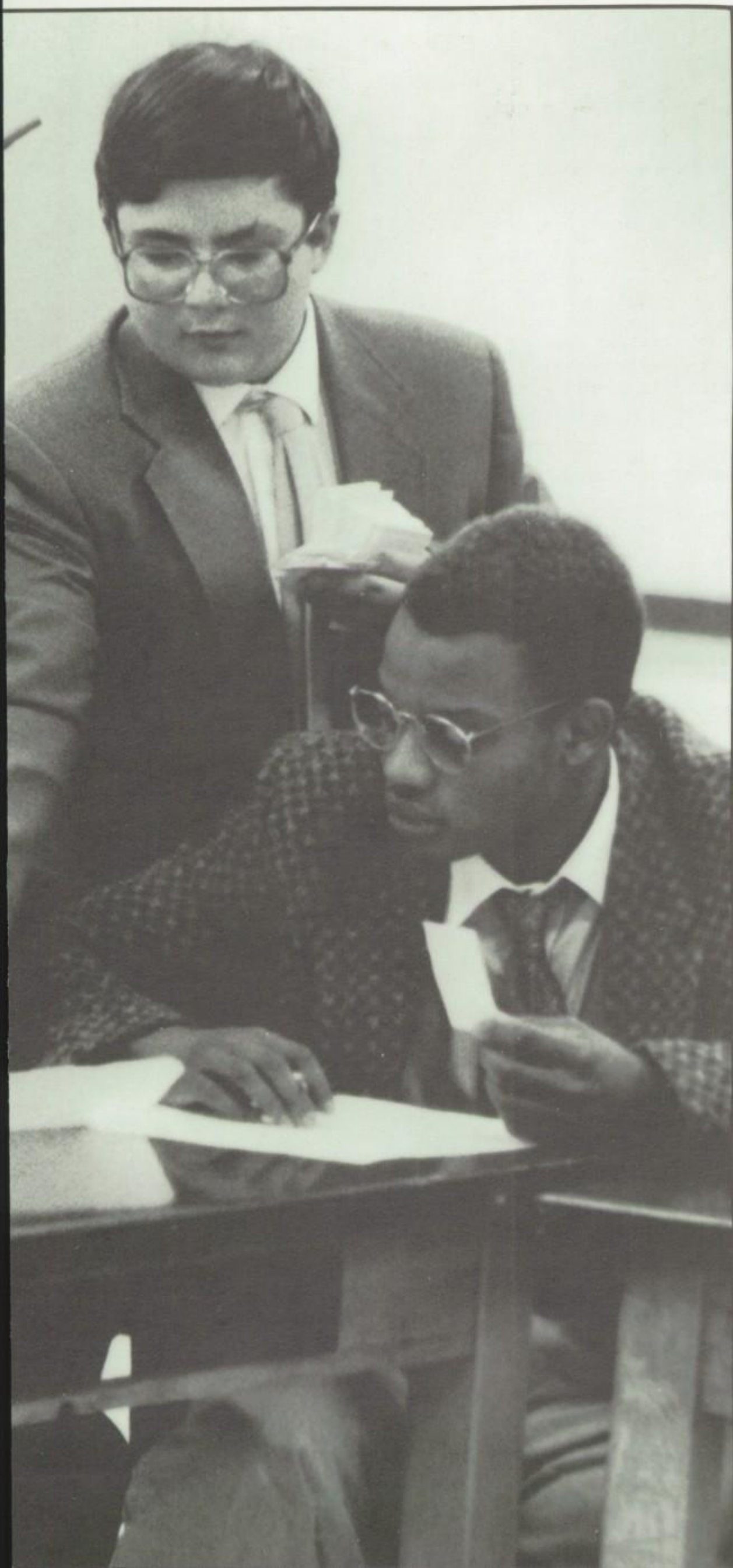
— Frank Petersberger (Student Council Treasurer)

"Pretty much a joke, I'm afraid. I'm convinced that people don't think we get much done at all."

— Nick Kurek (Student Council President)







#### OPEN TO IDEAS.

Open to suggestions at the November 11 Student Council meeting, senior Nick Kurek listens to a student's proposal on how to spend the money raised at the opening school dance. The experience Nick gained as Junior Class President was significant in preparing him for his role as Student Council President. Photo by Bill McFerron.



**SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS** Jim Dettinger, Jim Brancheau, Peter Cole, Doug Shears. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS** Joe Weisenburger, Steve Battig, Joe Sanchez, Rob Bixler. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS** Greg Kwiatkowski, Matt Kurek, Todd Pack, Marc Nusser. Photo by C. Fischer.



**SENIOR HOME-ROOM REPS** Bottom Row: Brad Hecht, Rick Kaser, Mike Granata. Top Row: Tom Tressler, Bob Nicholson, Cal Kynard. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**JUNIOR HOME-ROOM REPS** Bottom Row: Peter Ludlow, Dave Zawisza. Top Row: Mark Beckham, Marty Bihn, Jason Malczewski. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**SOPHOMORE HOMEROOM REPS** Bottom Row: Mike Hoefflin, Matt Connel, Mike Peterman. Top Row: Steve Mayes, Dan Kenney, Chuck Klein. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**FRESHMAN HOMEROOM REPS** Bottom Row: T.J. Smith, Tony Spinazze. Top Row: Matt Rehkopf, Jason Logan. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS** Frank Petersberger, Nick Kurek, Scott Kwiatkowski, Matt Polster. Photo by C. Fischer.



#### THE LANCE STAFF

Bottom Row: Dave Barret, Dan Alford, Don Skaff, Dave Lyons, Jeff LaCourse, Scott Campbell, Keith Neidemeier. Top Row: Dickran Tchobanian, Grant Summers, Steve Steinberg, Jeff Kujawa, Tom Miller, Pat Rybarczyk, Doug Shears, Paul Antkowiak, Pat McCarthy, Wade Kapszukiewicz, Richard VanLandingham. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### 'TIS THE SEASON.

Excited about finding the perfect gift, senior Mike Granata laughs as Mia Mattoni, a sales clerk at *The Limited*, shows him the latest in Christmas presents. Mike and Mark Mathews were featured in the Christmas issue of *The Lance* doing their last-minute shopping for those special people in their lives. Photo by Bob Hessler.



It took awhile to adjust themselves to the change in format and the additional time and creative energy that commitment required. They struggled, but they never became

# SET

## in Their Ways

**T**ired of the same old format, leary of the pitfalls getting into a rut brought, and excited about the creative possibilities a change would introduce, *The Lance* took a drastic turn.

It was a bold maneuver.

It was an attempt at upgrading scholastic journalism.

It's drama elicited initial approval and enthusiasm from students.

It proved to be a lot of work for the staff, though; maybe too much.

It was leaving the newspaper format behind and adopting a news magazine style. Newsprint was abandoned in favor of high quality 80 pound glossy paper stock. The durable magazine was much more visually appealing. It was also more saveable.

"I liked it a lot," said

junior Grant Summers. "The new format was the best because it was the same writing style as many magazines. I enjoyed reading that style of writing."

The staff attempted to publish a creatively informative magazine as often as possible. They were not, however, willing to sacrifice the quality of the writing or photography.

"I didn't want to substitute quality for quantity," said Mr. Jim Livecchi, adviser. "The new format took a lot of time to lay out and print, so we couldn't do as much as we wanted to."

The end result, though, proved to be successful. Students responded well. "I really didn't like the long articles in last year's paper," said sophomore Jeff Valiton. "I usually lost interest halfway through one. This year, the articles were shorter and more in-

teresting. I read them in their entirety and went on to the next. I liked it a lot better."

Even though the end result was successful, it proved to be difficult to produce even a single issue. Mr. Jim Livecchi found "student involvement very low. If the magazine is to continue, we'll need more help in the future."

One of the biggest problems was deadlines. People failed to turn stories in on time. Some didn't turn them in at all. Since there were no articles, there was nothing to print.

"Several major stories, including the Senior Gifts in the Christmas supplement, had to be dropped because they just weren't turned in," explained Mr. Livecchi. "On top of that, some came in so late after deadline that rewriting was impossible. As a re-

sult, they were dropped too."

Despite the internal problems, the magazine came out. It wasn't always as topical or sports-oriented or frequent as some students demanded, but it was a quality publication that stayed true to its initial editorial policy. It never sacrificed quality for quantity.

Senior Dan Alford was grateful for the new format. "Of my four years of high school, this year's magazine was the best one we've had. I hope it continues on as is." □

— Paul Antkowiak

#### THE FINAL ONCE-OVER.

With his next deadline always in mind, senior Pat McCarthy reviews the text of *The Lance's* first issue in the Comp/Set 3500. With Mr. Jim Livecchi, Pat was the driving force behind the change in format from newspaper to quarterly magazine. Photo by Bill McFerron.





**BETTER THAN EVER.**  
With exacting precision, senior Mike DeBacker considers the most effective placement for a halftone. *The Lance's* change in format necessitated four times the work at the light table than in previous years. One of the more dramatic changes was the Christmas supplement, which featured Homecoming Queen Ruth Mannes on the cover dressed as Santa's helper. Photos by Bob Hessler and Chris Fischer.



## Through the **LOOKING GLASS**

**W**hat do you think about *The Lance*?

"It needs to come out more often. It's OK, I guess."

— Ron Bruce '87

"It's pretty good."

— Gary Earl '89

"It's good, but I think it should be out more often."

— Mark Beckham '88

**W**hat do you think the average student thinks about *The Lance*?

"They think it's a good, informative, interesting publication, something they can be proud to show their parents and friends."

— Austin Klapp (Staff Writer)

"I think they probably think it takes too long to get one out. I really like a lot of Mr. Livecchi's ideas. He's more demanding and expects more from us."

— Dave Lyons (Staff Writer)



#### READY FOR ANYTHING.

Laden with nearly \$2300 in cameras, Scot Mullane reminds Brandon Yanez to fill his frame and capture strong emotion. Photo by Bill McFerron.



#### A REFINED TOUCH.

Keeping himself occupied after the 1:00 AM curfew, junior Photo Editor Chris Fischer polishes his 80-210 zoom lens in his dorm room at Ball State University's Summer Journalism's Workshops. Chris shared the printing responsibilities for the 208 pages of *BOYS WILL BE BOYS* with Bill McFerron. Photo by Bill McFerron.



### Through the LOOKING GLASS

**W**hat do you think about the ACCOLADE?

"It's OK. It's better than most schools."

— Terry Donnal '88

"Last year's was pretty good. I liked it. There was a lot on every page."

— John Fritz '89

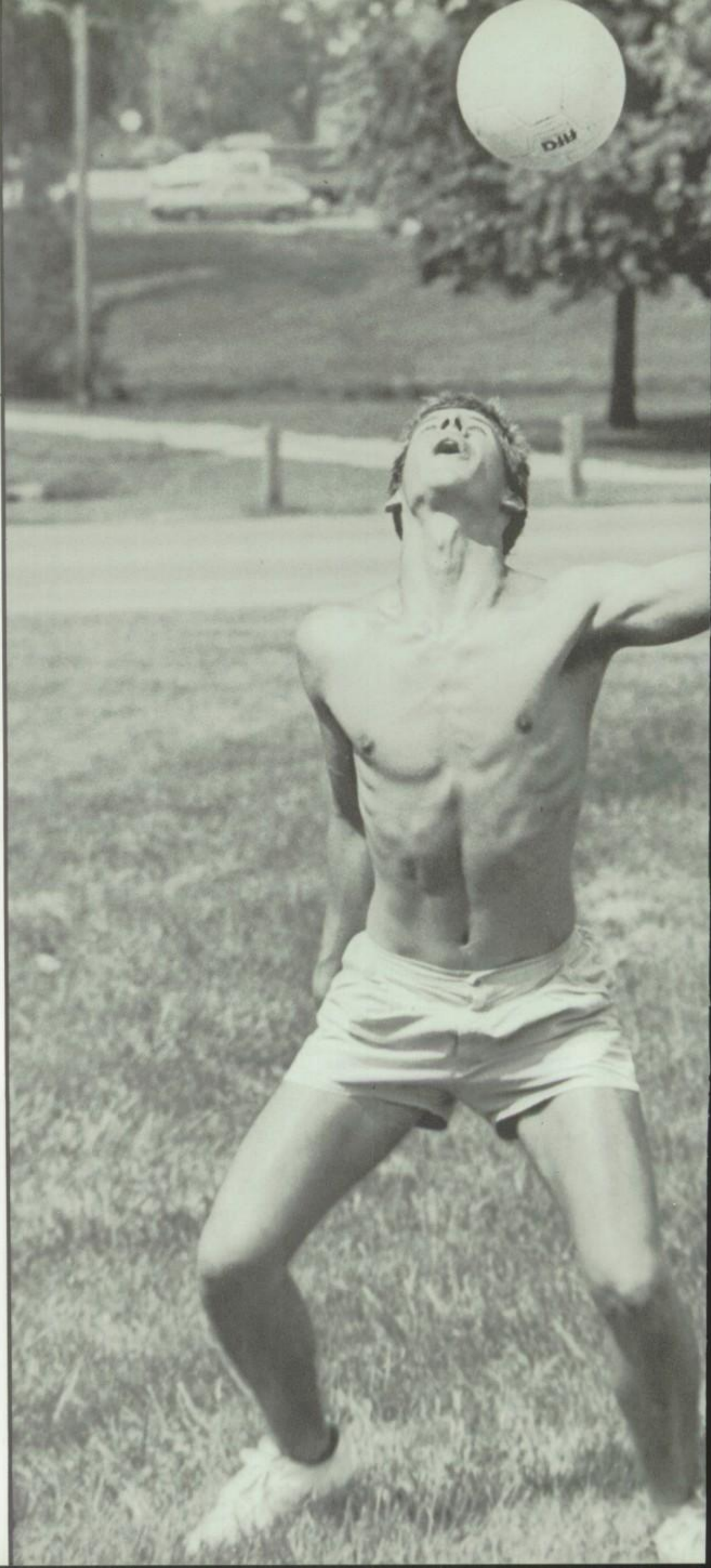
"I look forward to seeing my picture and reading the Band story."

— Bill Burdue '87

**W**hat do you think the average student thinks about the ACCOLADE?

"People don't care about actual stories. They just like the pictures. If a headline catches their eye, they might stop and read the story. Otherwise, they just look at the pictures."

— Scot Mullane (Editor-in-Chief)







#### THE GRAPHIC LOOK.

Considering possible portrait panel backgrounds, senior Chuck Day contemplates what percentage of grey will be most effective. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!

With the pinpoint accuracy that has become the hallmark of St. Francis yearbooks, junior Mark Hanusz transfers type onto paste-up boards. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Ball State and Gettysburg workshops showed the novice journalists that if they pushed themselves to their creative limits, they could easily remain

# HEADS

## Above the Rest

**L**ittle boys. They laugh. They cry. They play around. They stumble. They get back up and start all over again. They joke. They complain. They work. They care.

If you look inside, you'll discover a part of that little boy. Too often he's hiding, although occasionally he's on a rampage. There's no denying it, though. He's there. Too often, though,

#### USING HIS HEAD.

Taking advantage of some Sunday afternoon freetime at Ball State University's Summer Journalism Workshops, senior Dave Bodner practices a few soccer moves. Dave studied layout design and section organization from Mrs. Lynn Strause of Haughton Lake High School in Haughton Lake, Michigan. The real eye-opener of the six day conference, though, was the realization "that a lot of people look up the the St. Francis yearbook." Photo by Chris Fischer.

he has difficulty getting out. After all, we're young adults — responsible, conscientious, dependable. We can't go around acting immature. Or can we?

Is it possible to horse around and still produce quality work? Could a group of boys that fight and pick on one another be the same bunch that celebrate a job well done, excited that they've produced something the adviser actually *likes*?

A boy has to play around sometimes. Boys will be boys, you know.

That's what made *BOYS WILL BE BOYS* the document it is. There's the boyish charm, sure, but there is also the real man that struggled through situations he prays he's never forced to face again.

The time. It took unparalleled commitment for fun-loving boys to devote one week of their summer to a journalism workshop. It

took even more to spend the majority of Christmas break at school. There were also hours after school each week,

The frustration. First deadline was 18 hours away and there were seven missing stories. Pictures were printed three, four, and five times because nothing less than perfection was acceptable. Writer's block stole that awe-inspiring headline the dominant deserved. Fatigued rushed in with every new caption. Each became a story in itself. Each reminded those boys how much they hated to write.

The pain. The loss of an irreplaceable editor, a personal friend who never understood the love that surrounded him. There was shock, disbelief, anguish, and anger. The anger was most therapeutic. Nothing, no one, would conquer them. They came back fighting, making the

deepest commitment possible for boys. The work hid the pain and eventually healed it.

The work, the hours, the determination to be perfect, the commitment to make this the best book ever would never have amounted to anything had it not been for the ability to relax and have fun.

There was the stereo and the newness of watching the CD drawer process yet another disc. There was Orlean, the only female allowed in The Pub. There were the sweatshirts and sweaters that announced to the school community that the group was a team in every sense of the word.

Immaturity? Maybe, but I doubt it. But even if it was, what was so bad about it? Sometimes it was all we had to get by with. After all, everyone knows that boys will be boys. □

— Mark Thrun





**BIKE CLUB** BOTTOM ROW: Keith Niedermeier, Jim Moore, Ramsey Abu-Absi, Dan Alford, Jay Heininger, Scott Wilhelm, Jeff Beres, Chuck Klein. TOP ROW: Frank Petersberger, Richard VanLandingham, Terry Donnal, Bob Healy, Kevin Branyan, Mike Abu-Absi, Claud Meyers, Paul Antkowiak, Pat Moharter, Alex Neeb, Chris Baumgartner, Scott Koprowski, Jim Karocki. Photo by Bob Hessler.



**SKI CLUB** BOTTOM ROW: Mike Peterman, Jim Knauer, Michael DeBacker, Ted Garrett, Greg Goettner. TOP ROW: Matt Clymer, John Jasionowski, Steve Homringhaus, Art Holland, Nick Chuhly, Tim Pearsall, Alex Neeb, Matt Riethof. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**SKI CLUB** BOTTOM ROW: Scott Markiecki, Dan Kenney, Marty Michaelson. TOP ROW: Matt Aman, Scot Mullane, Brian Stoffel, Max Manley, Richard VanLandingham. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**ACCOLADE STAFF** BOTTOM ROW: Marc Kaspitzke, Andy Fox, Dan Alford, Russ Kahler, Jeff Beres, Pat Rybarczak, Cal Kynard. TOP ROW: Paul Antkowiak, Kevin Branyan, Eliot Wajskol, Joe Hall, Pete Ludlow, Mike Granata, Marty Bihn, Tom Tressler, Eric Aschmeier. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## HIT THE SLOPES

Boots, warm clothing, a pair of skis, and a sizeable chunk of the week's paycheck was all it took.

The Ski Club members tasted the thrill of downhill racing on their first trip to New York. "It was a blast," claimed senior Chris Carper. "The whole trip was fun, especially skiing down the halls in my boots and incredibly sexy boxer shorts."

The first trip was the perfect way to psyche the members.

The group stalled, however, as New York became their only excursion. □

— Max Manley and Tim Pearsall

## Quit SCREWING Around

It's the building block of the yearbook. It describes the attitude, the events, and the emotions of the year.

It is the yearbook theme.

In discussing the possibilities, one theme stood out over all the rest. It was the personality of the staff. It was BOYS WILL BE BOYS.

They enjoyed being obnoxious and bending the rules just to be aggravating.

It fit like a glove. There was no other choice. □

— Scot Mullane

## From Rags to RICHES

Leapin' Lizards!

Those two words captured the essence of both the character herself and the show bearing her name.

The character was Annie, a ten-year-old, red-headed orphan growing up in one of New York City's municipal orphanages during FDR's "New Deal" era. Originally a comic strip character created by animator Harold Gray, Annie was the tale of a girl who wanted nothing more than to find her real parents who abandoned her on the steps of the orphanage some nine and a half years earlier.

The original plans called for a Notre Dame student to play the part of Annie. Director Rick Frendt was forced to do some serious shuffling, however, when no one who tried out could pass as a believable ten-

year-old. The desire for realism led Mr. Frendt to auditioning grade school girls for the parts of the orphans. The role of Annie eventually went to Gesu third grader Melanie McGraw.

Annie was the most elaborate of any Notre Dame production. With more hard work than anyone thought possible and tons of perseverance, the show topped even its own expectations. It proved that anything is possible.

Leapin' Lizards! □

— Pete Ludlow

BY THE BOOK.

Disappointed at finding his home registered as one of the undesirable Hoovervilles in *Colliers*, Fred [junior Pete Ludlow] reads to his fellow 59th Street vagrants. As the biggest production in Notre Dame Academy's history, ANNIE drew full houses for all four of its performances. Photo by Chris Fischer.







## Ran at **FULL CYCLE**

Traditionally, it refers to air currents moving in the same general direction of a plane or ship.

For a handful of St. Francis students, it meant a lot more. It was "tailwind," and it stood for a close knit group of people with a common interest in bicycling. That interest took formal shape in February, 1985 as The Tailwind Bike Club was born.

The club's biggest event was the eight day "Heart of Ohio" trip. Starting out on July 27, eleven members and two adults headed into central Ohio and attempted to conquer the hills

the heartland had to offer.

"The stories about that trip will live on for a *long* time," claimed Br. Jim. "There is no doubt the trip had its tough and grueling moments, but the important thing is that thirteen people started a ride as individuals and finished it as a close knit group who shared pride, satisfaction, and friendship."

Friendship.

In the long run, that's what The Tailwind Bike Club was all about.

In the long run, that's what life is all about. □

— Paul Antkowiak

## All **WORK** and No Pay

Thoreau believed that "to be alone was something unpleasant. But I was at the same time conscious of a slight insanity in my mind, and seemed to foresee my recovery."

"We had our fingers on the pulse of the Midwest," said senior Pat McCarthy, "unfortunately, the Midwest is dead."

Though Bloomington, Indiana was not the swinging college town it is during the school year, the journalism institute held there was a bustle of activity for seniors Scott

Campbell, Michael DeBacker, and Pat McCarthy. The three spent five days last summer honing their journalistic skills at IU.

The yearbook staff tried a new approach in its training. Ten students attended Ball State and two went to Gettysburg, PA. □

— Scott Campbell



**COTTAGE COMFORT.** Sitting back on the porch of the Welch Family summer cottage, senior Don Skaff joins the other year-

book editors in reviewing potential mini-themes. As Academic Editor, Don was responsible for developing four mini-themes. Photo by Bill McFerron.

## **TRIPLE** Crown

It served an important role in school life, providing a source of information for students and faculty and painting a picture of school life to the outsider.

Fr. Olszewski found it "good to have around."

He was not alone in that feel-

ing. In recent years, a growing number of people have recognized its importance. Since 1981, it has won 6 Buckeyes, 2 Gold Crowns, and 1 Pacemaker.

It's the yearbook and it's one of the best in the nation. □

— Pat McCarthy



# Rubbing Elbows with the **BIG SHOTS**

The convention.

Typically, this event conjures up images of large numbers of fez-wearing adults allowing themselves a working vacation. There are scarce meetings sandwiched between tours, parties, and evenings at the theater. They are all the same.

Wrong.

In June 1986, Norm Frankow-

ski, Ian Knauer, and Kit Transue attended the National American Red Cross Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. For four days, from June 1 through June 4, the trio set out on their own to experience the sights and sounds of the Red Cross convention.

Their schedule hardly comprised mere lounging and idling. They rubbed elbows with high

level brass at the Board of Governor's Reception. They became part of the entire Red Cross delegation at the keynote assembly. They picked up pertinent information at a discussion of the National Youth Study. They integrated all that knowledge at a leadership development session.

Okay, so they didn't work *all* the time. They stayed at the Sher-

aton. They toured the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. They met the Chairmen of the National Red Cross, George Moody.

In light of that, they changed the conventional attitude of a convention. They proved they're not all the same. □

— Norm Frankowski

# The **ONES** to Count On

They were a select group of juniors. They were chosen on one quality alone — their outstanding expression of spirit. They were the Big Brothers.

In May of 1986, the administration chose 14 boys to fill the slots of the Big Brother program. Their primary role was to facilitate a smooth transition into high school for the 220 freshmen to enter in August.

Big Brothers were not necessarily the most popular guys in school. Rather, they were the ones the administration saw as most capable of passing on the essence of St. Francis — its spirit.

It was this spirit that shaped

the attitude of the student body. It was transmitted in simple, powerful ways. It meant encouraging friends to get involved. It meant being a good example because you wanted to be, not because that's what was expected of you.

The program was initiated because the administration believed that without this commitment to involved honesty, St. Francis would be any other high school. That special quality was learned and there was no better teacher than those individuals who possessed it.

During the first quarter, the Big Brothers were assigned a freshman homeroom. They lis-

tened to, commented on, and explained the AM announcements. They also answered any questions and attempted to lay the insecurities that went with being the new guy on the block to rest.

They taught the spirit cheers and led the freshmen during the Whitmer football pep rally. They helped the homeroom put together an intramural football team. They presided over the Student Council representative elections. They made the new guy feel important. They let him see he *really* belonged here.

They did an important job. They helped the freshmen make this house a home. □

— Dan Alford

# Going **DOWN** for the Last Time

You're kidding.

Go back to *school* after graduation? Are you serious?

The State of Ohio made it reality when it appropriated \$200 for a substance free graduation party.

Norm Frankowski, Mike Olszewski, and Mark Swedan initiated the drive.

The 70 graduates who attended were served Marco's pizza. There was water polo and water basketball.

Go back to *school* after graduation? You better believe it! □

— Norm Frankowski

# A **RADICAL** Departure

They won a state championship last year.

There were no parades, no congratulations from the mayor, and no pep rally to commemorate their accomplishment.

They were members of the Math Club, and your friends were among their numbers. Their low-keyed organization wasn't the hottest topic in school. Yet, those who participated enjoyed being the top students in the state.

Membership was open to any-

one interested. So come to room 108 on a Test Tuesday and give it a shot. If you could answer  $i^{1985} + i^{1986} + i^{1987} + i^{1988} = ?$ , you may just be state championship material.

NOTE: The answer was 0. □

— Marty Bihn

EASY AS  $(\pi)r^2$ .

Using a few spare moments to his best advantage, junior John Albers studies Calculus. A member of the accelerated mathematics program, John competed on the state level in the Ohio Mathematics League. Photo by Bill McFerron.



## MOVING RIGHT ALONG.

Caught up in the summertime madness, senior Tim Demsey shoots the breeze with DeVilbiss junior April Jones and Start junior Adrienne Smith. The August 1 Rally by the River gave students a chance to renew old friendships, start new relationships, and financially support the school's athletic program, all in the comfortableness of a festive atmosphere. Photo by Chris Fischer.





#### WRESTLERETTES

BOTTOM ROW: Carrie Shaw, Alison Weiland, Shelly McCoy, Rebecca Angelbeck, Wendy Hoefflin, Becky Roman. TOP ROW: Kelly McDowell, Leigh Revere, Julie Barnes, Heidi Fischetti, Jodi Farber, Jenny Tighe, Christy Williamson, Bridget McGuire. Photo by Bob Hessler.



#### MATH CLUB BOTTOM

ROW: Tedd Garrett, Mark Hanusz, Matt Polster, Dave Walrod. TOP ROW: Matt Riethof, Matt Hawley, Eric Barker, Andy Shawaker, Keller Casey, Chris Thompson.



#### MATH CLUB BOTTOM

ROW: Steve Battig, Mark Maidlow, Dave Lyons, Ramsey Abu-Absi, Darren Dick. TOP ROW: Terry Donnal, Jason Pollman, Joe Sanchez, Andy Arquette, Jason Malczewski, Scott Aubry, Tim Szozda, Tom Turner.



#### MATH CLUB BOTTOM

ROW: Eric Savage, Brad Hecht, Greg Mitchell, Don Skaff, Dan Alford, Derek Shinaberry. TOP ROW: Peter Winkler, John Weglian, Doug Shears, Jeff Kujawa, Tom Leonard, Phil Weisfelder, Bill Stone, Marty Bihn, Mark Thrun, Doug Heerdegen, John Albers, Tom Tressler.



#### BIG BROTHERS BOT-

TOM ROW: Chip Tokar, Dan Alford, Doug Kasubski, Chuck Day. TOP ROW: Tony Sanchez, Doug Heerdegen, Chris Carper, Tim Welch, Curt Koslovsky, Cal Kynard. Photo by Chris Fischer.





**STAGE CREW** BOTTOM ROW: Greg Mitchell, Eric Hofmeister, Pat Collins, Mark Swedan, Jim Blanchard, Mike Terpinski. TOP ROW: Jeff Schwind, Bob Grycza, Jeff LaCourse, Morgan Allen, Ken St. John, Don Ganthier, Al Mannes, John Verb, Hector Lee, Doug Shears, Scott Scharf, Mark Mathews. Photo by Scott Sadowski.



**STAGE CREW** BOTTOM ROW: Tim Pearsall, Gary Pack, Dan Smith, Scott Campbell, Dave Bodner, Tim Parsells, Jay Lawniczak. TOP ROW: Jeff Garbe, Jeff Kujawa, Todd Pack, Doug Heerdegen, Pete Winkler, Steve Garbe, Tim Welch, John Weglian, Pete Cole, Nick Kurek, Rob Claypool, Rick Warren. Photo by Scott Sadowski.



**FEMALE ORCHESTRA** BOTTOM ROW: Pam Turner, Jenny Gregor, Stacy Stalter, Sheryl Battig. TOP ROW: Julie McClure, Ann Winegar, Kris Peters, Wendy Farren, Jenni Ellis, Cheri Crane, Billie Jo Perry. Photo by Scott Sadowski.



**MALE ORCHESTRA** BOTTOM ROW: Ryan Bristol, Russ Kahler, Ben Tucker, Matt Stalter, Jeff Mossing. TOP ROW: Karl Kemberling, Steve Antalek, Keller Casey, Tom Eppard, Mr. David Mruzek, Roy Flores, John Walters, Ed Sanders, Keith Dresel. Photo by Scott Sadowski.



**PEP BAND** BOTTOM ROW: Tony Jacobs, Ryan Bristol, Chris Daggett, Mark Karmel, Bruce Mucci, Ed Sanders. TOP ROW: Roy Flores, Tom Eppard, Jamie Schwind, Matt Wozniak, Joe Shannon, Tim Henkel, Ken Turk, Richard VanLandingham, Bob Thompson, Aaron Hood. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## On the **REBOUND**

"Hey, what is that?"

"I think it's rugby."

"In a gym?"

"Check out those dudes doing big-time wrestling moves under the net."

The name of the game was CYO basketball. It was a brutal, you've-got-your-life-in-your-hands contest that inevitably resulted in bloody noses, jammed fingers, torn ligaments, and more than a few inflated egos.

"It [CYO] was a chance to have fun and not worry about discipline," suggested senior Jim Fulop.

Senior Rick Kaser loved the sport for a different reason. "I like to dominate my inferior classmates," he bragged.

The games were fiercely competitive. They added excitement to players' Sunday afternoons and, at times, resulted in the most satisfying of Monday mornings. It was then the victor could approach a decimated classmate, point his finger, and laugh, "In your face." □

— Greg Mitchell

### LETTING LOOSE.

Responding to Calvin Banks' fourth quarter monster slam, freshman Garrin Parker, sophomore Mark Karmel, and junior Roy Flores cheer the Knights on to victory over DeVilbiss. Despite its small size, the Pep Band's enthusiasm provided extra flair to the student cheering section. Pep Band membership offered the chance to perform in front of family and friends, the opportunity to meet new friends, and the privilege of a choice seat at home games. Under the direction of Mr. Carl Collier and senior Richard VanLandingham, the Pep Band psyched up the student body at rallies with their upbeat music. Photo by Chris Fischer.







## Another **RUNG** on the Ladder

It only weighs a couple of ounces, but it carries a ton of meaning.

It's only an inch in diameter, but it symbolizes a long-term commitment.

It is a sign of unity and dedication. It is a class ring.

Students received their rings during the second semester of their junior year. That reception officially made the junior an upperclassman. It symbolized a mutual commitment between the student and his school — the commitment that both would do all they could to ensure gradua-

tion.

It may have been small and light, but it was significant nonetheless. It expressed the desire to work together. □

— Marty Bihn

### A SOLEMN PACT.

Accepting Fr. Olszewski's congratulations, junior Joe Trabbic receives his class ring. The Ring Mass signified a major point in the life of a student. It was a time when the student and the school made a pact. The student agreed to work to his fullest potential and the administration promised to do everything in its power to see the student through to graduation. Photo by Scot Mullane.



## **TIME** Was on Their Side

### Underlying support.

Always present. Always willing to help out. Always urging the team to victory. The wrestlerettes thought nothing of spending two to four hours at a meet if it would

### TWO-FISTED SUPPORT.

Waiting for the referee's formal announcement, Wendy Hoefflin cheers for her brother Mike's victory over his St. John's opponent. Photo by Chris Fischer.

help the team out.

Not one of the 14 girls took her job lightly. "We spent long sessions preparing for the season," said SUA sophomore Jenny Tighe. "Hard work. That's what it was all about."

NDA senior Kelly McDowell claimed that "being a wrestlerette offered us a chance to develop friendships with the guys." □

— Mark Thrun

## For All You Do, **THIS ONE'S FOR YOU**

"One! Two! One! Two! Three! Four!

Time out had just been called and the director of the Pep Band was taking the opportunity to fill the Pit with energetic music.

There was something a little different, though. The music was louder than in recent memory. It sounded better. It was fun to listen to. It got the crowd excited. It made a difference.

The responsibility for those changes belonged to Mr. Carl Collier. He took the bull by the horns, introducing two significant improvements.

First, he returned to the custom of appointing a student director. That honor went to senior Richard VanLandingham.

In previous years, the Pep Band drew its members from the ranks of the Marching Band. This

year, however, auditions were opened to the entire student body. Non-Marching Band members tried out and made the ensemble.

To advertise their spirit, the Pep Band purchased uniforms. For the senior members, who had been pushing for shirts for the past two seasons, the uniform was a special honor. □

— Richard VanLandingham



## HEAD HONCHOS

"For 10 points, name the losers of the first five presidential election."

BUZZ!!!

"Jamie Adams, St. Francis."

Students come and go, but the quiz bowl team has one constant: Mrs. Mary Johnson. She has been moderator for 13 straight years. □

— Chris Carper

### A CONFIDENT REPLY.

With mounting anticipation, junior Russ Kahler and senior Jamie Meyers await Mr. Frank Venner's approval of Jamie's answer. The Knights won, 470-140. Photo by Bill McFerron.



### TOTAL CONCENTRATION.

Challenged to respond with precision accuracy, senior Paul Adams gives his undivided attention to the Chemistry question. Paul was a first year member of the squad. Photo by Bill McFerron.



After recruiting five new members, Mrs. Johnson set out to teach the varsity squad the fundamentals of quick thinking and fast reflexes. She was determined to keep them

# AHEAD

## of the Game

**I**magine the Celtics losing Bird, McHale, and Parrish, the Mets losing Gooden, Carter, and Hernandez, and the Oilers losing Gretzky, Coffey, and Kurri.

Too much to cope with, isn't it?

The Quiz Bowl team found itself in a situation of that magnitude this season as it lost Norm Frankowski, Chuck Steele, and Jay Updegraff to graduation. The trio were three of the fastest, most intelligent students ever to hit the buzzer. Their loss was insurmountable.

It was a time for a change in strategies. Mrs. Mary Ann Johnson, moderator, was convinced she was in for a long season.

"I knew it was going to be tough, especially replacing Chuck," she said. "You get a student of Chuck's caliber once in a blue moon."

With only senior Jamie Meyers returning, Mrs. Johnson welcomed senior Paul Adams, juniors Russ Kahler and Jamie Adams, and freshmen Earl Fernandes and Wade Kapszukiewicz with open arms.

The members of the team didn't look at the season as a year without Chuck. They had a slightly different perspective.

"We could have handled losing Chuck," Jamie Meyers explained, "if we had not lost Norm and Jay too. It was the lack of speed on each answer that hurt us most. Basically, it was a lack of experience. Next year is sure to see improvements as the players gain experience."

The season's start proved as rough as Mrs. Johnson feared, however, as the young, inexperienced team suffered losses to perennial powerhouse Sylvania Southview and an experienced St. John's squad in City League ac-

tion. "I expected the slow start," Jamie recalled, "but it's always disappointing to lose."

Those initial losses, however, provided the team with the experience it needed. When that was combined with the freshness the younger players offered, the team became a significant force which no other squad could readily dismiss.

The first real test came in early December when they faced Central Catholic on television. Mrs. Johnson was worried. For the first time in three years, she had an inexperienced team with no Chuck Steele to bail her out. It was possible to actually lose a first round match.

After a shaky first half, reality set in and her fears were quieted. The Knights trounced the Irish, 470-140, and advanced in the tournament.

The rookie squad came

through. They posted an 11-5 City League record and advanced to the second television round.

The six member squad had begun the season skeptically.

Their determination and overwhelming desire to win overpowered that seemingly insurmountable force. The season took a positive turn as experience soon gave way to dominance.

They wanted to win. They weren't about to listen to the odds makers. As Wade Kapszukiewicz explained, "We had a job to do, and we did it!" □

— Russ Kahler and Mark Thrun

### THE CONFERENCE.

Teamwork is a necessity as juniors Jamie Adams and Russ Kahler and senior Jamie Meyers compare notes to a five part question. The match against Central Catholic was taped on December 3 at WTGE's Storer House and aired on January 18, 1987. The Knights won handily, 470-140. Photo by Scot Mul-lane.







#### FACE THE FACTS.

As the time ticks away, senior Paul Adams and juniors Jamie Adams and Russ Kahler confer with veteran teammate Jamie Meyers during TV-13's televised Quiz Bowl match

against Central Catholic. Jamie Meyers believed that of possible discussion topics, Roman mythology consistently presented the most stumbling blocks. Photo by Scot Mullane.



QUIZ BOWL. Bottom Row: Jamie Adams, Jamie Meyers, Russ Kahler. Top Row: Wade Kapszukiewicz, Paul Adams, Chris Kelch, Earl Fernandes. Photo by Bill McFerron.





## 'HEAD HONCHOS

Slowly, time runs out for the young debater who now holds the floor. Loudly and clearly he proclaims, "...and these facts clearly state that..."

In reality, the facts very seldom state anything clearly. In this case, though, they do. They state that the debate team is one of the finest anywhere.

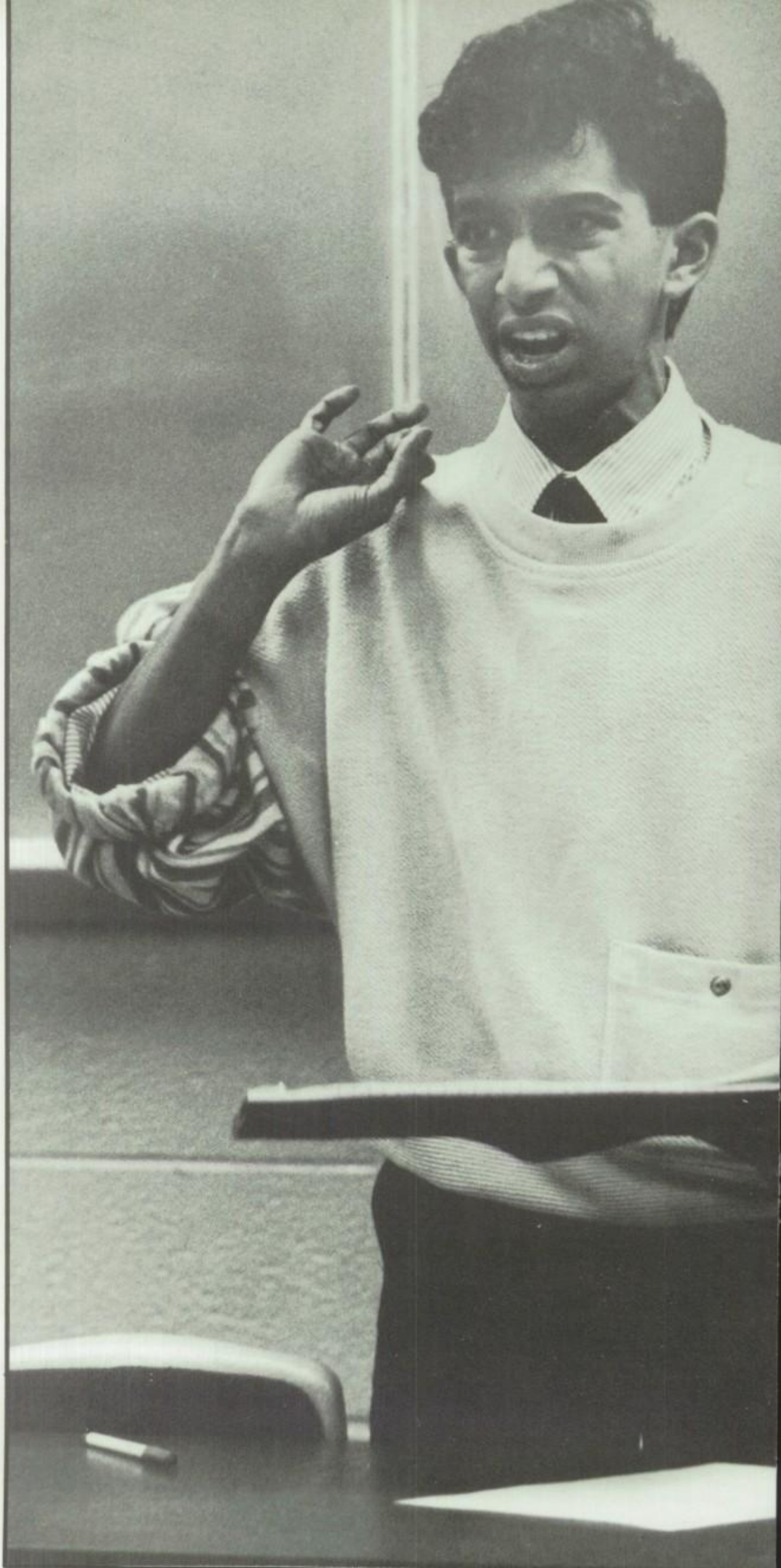
There are two factors that play a significant role in this success. The first is the tremendously deep commitment team members make to research and practice. The second is the support and coaching of Ms. Sue Wenzlaff, the director of the forensics program.

Ms. Wenzlaff assumed head coaching duties after three years as assistant coach under Mr. Robert Larcher, presently Academic Dean at Central Catholic. Ms. Wenzlaff brought a wealth of experience to the position.

The debate team boasts one of the most consistently outstanding records in Ohio. In the past six years, they have sent teams into national competition four times.

The facts were clear. No team could ever excel to that extent if it weren't for coaches the caliber of Ms. Sue Wenzlaff. □

— Don Skaff



### A SMALL BYTE.

Saving countless hours of manual work, sophomore Chris Kelch and junior John Albers enter the tabulated results of the Golden Knight Invitational into the Media Cen-

ter's Apple II. John found the computer irreplaceable. "It sped up the process of scoring," he explained, "and insured the accuracy needed for determining final awards." Photo by Mark Hanusz.



From Atlanta to New York, they discussed the pros and cons of chemically-controlled agriculture. Hours of research gave them the ability to circumvent irrelevant information and get

## Right to the **POINT**

**I**t has always been a mystery to me how men can feel themselves honored by the defeat of their fellow beings."

Mohandes K. Ghandi, father of the Republic of India, may have been a significant thinker of the twentieth century, but he obviously was never a member of a debate team.

The team's motto this year was "Argue and Conquer," and this season proved to be the year they lived up to it. Preparation

### THE POINT IS MOOT.

Clarifying the toxic nature of pesticide use on early crop development, sophomore Ashley Fernandes suggests that all use of weed control chemicals be carefully monitored by the government. A two year member of the forensics squad, Ashley picked up a first speaker JV and a third team JV award at the Golden Knight Debate Tournament. Photo by Chris Fischer.



### CAN WE TALK?

Driving his point home, sophomore John Fritz argues that the government should not allow pesticide use in agriculture. Photo by Chris Carper.

and hard work became a strenuous year round activity as students attended summer debate workshops everywhere from Maine to North Carolina.

It was at these workshops they began their initial research on this year's topic, agriculture, developed theoretical arguments, and laid the groundwork for the season.

"I am convinced this year's debate victories have definitely been influenced by the hours of research and preparation outside of tournaments," said senior Scott Kerin. As partners, he and senior Dave DeBenedetti dominated state competition. They easily crushed their competition at Butler and Indiana University, qualifying for the Tournament of Champions. Other victories included a first place finish at Toledo's Central

Catholic Tournament.

A significant factor in the team's overall success was assistant coach Steve Crossmoch. "The guy is fantastic!" exclaimed Dave DeBenedetti. "He helped the team become a dominant force in Ohio."

Crossmoch complimented the talents of Head Coach Sue Wenzlaff well. "Ms. Wenzlaff gave me the foundation I needed to go far," claimed junior John Albers. John's claim stood on solid ground as he and sophomore partner Ashley Fernandes captured third place victories at Villager, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh Central Catholic.

Senior Chris Krause picked up championship titles at Chillicothe, Ohio and Little Districts in the Lincoln Douglas division, as well as a first place finish in a two-man debate at Maumee.

Success was not limited

to the varsity ranks, however. On February 1, at JV Districts, juniors Jamie Peterson, Chris Thompson, and Marc Robinson, along with sophomore John Fritz, overcame incredible odds to win the tournament and qualify for the varsity state tournament.

The novice team of Tim McMoreland and Earl Fernandes ended the regular season as one of the top contenders for the novice state championship.

There was an incredible amount of time and effort extended throughout the year. Its value was obvious to Jamie Peterson.

"Debating allowed me to travel across the country, make new friends, and enjoy the thrill of victory. It certainly has turned my life around."

Debate that one, Mr. Ghandi. □

— Ashley Fernandes



### JV and NOVICE DEBATE

Bottom Row: Tom Mitchum, Tom Fearer, Jason Bacher. Top Row: Tom McMoreland, Brian Milek, Mike Chamberlin, Gregg Bruce, Earl Fernandes. Photo by Bob Hessler.



### VARSITY DEBATE

Bottom Row: Dave DeBenedetti, Scott Kerin, Chris Krause, John Fritz. Top Row: Ashley Fernandes, John Albers, Marc Robinson, Lance Weislak, Chris Thompson, Mike Hague. Photo by Bob Hessler.



#### LADY LUCK.

Hammering the nail into an already sealed coffin, sophomore Chuck Klein makes his winning move against his Emmanuel Baptist opponent. The Knights dominated the match, 6-2. Photo by Chris Carper.

#### ALL THE RIGHT MOVES.

Examining the board, senior Pete Winkler thoughtfully prepares his next move. It took him only 20 moves to defeat his Emmanuel Baptist opponent en route to a 6-2 team victory. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## HEAD HONCHOS

As the player slides his queen into position, a look of utter despair covers his opponent's face. The boy on the other side of the table realizes he has been duped by a superior player.

The confident student slams the lid down on his opponent's defeat with one simple statement. "Checkmate."

The responsibility for that success lies with the team's driving force, its' moderator. For the past five years, that man has been Mr. Leo Schulte. This year, though, new blood was pumped into the arteries of the chess team in the person of Mr. Mark Walton.

In the past, the team practiced in Mr. Walton's classroom. That simple support blossomed as he offered to help out. He found it rewarding to get a chance to sharpen his skills *and* help the team at the same time.

Matches come and go, but the one that remains most vivid in the moderators minds was the contest against Genoa. In 1985, the JV squad played Genoa for the City Championship. Although they lost, they did leave with the White Division Championship. □

— Don Skaff







#### DEEP IN THOUGHT.

Scrutinizing his opponent's move, junior Craig Fink contemplates his response. Craig, a three year chessman, beat

Joel Rosenburger of Emmanuel Baptist in 30 moves. As a team, the Knights won, 6-2. Photo by Scot Mullane.



CHESS TEAM Bottom Row: Brad Burdue, Craig Fink, Greg Schoen, Chris Leazer. Top Row: Jason Mantel, Dave Barrett, Terry Lee, Pete Winkler, Chris Carroll, Chuck Klein. Photo by Bill McFerron.

An assistant coach pumped new vitality into a talented squad determined to remain competitive. Their patience and delicate strategy led to a Division title. They were

# KINGS

## of the Board

**N**ever?  
That's hard to believe. Are you serious?  
You've never seen a chess match?

In reality, you fall into a category with most high school students. There were a few, though, who not only enjoyed watching others play, but played themselves. They were an elite group who chose to challenge both their mental capabilities and stimulate their cognitive brain synapses. They were the chess team.

The game of chess was far from a game of chance. It demanded concentration, the ability to plan ahead and anticipate, and the desire to excel.

The game itself was a challenge. It presented problems the player had to think through and resolve. That discipline taught

team members how to deal with difficult situations that required delicate strategy. It was the perfect preparation for adulthood.

The team's perfection of these skills became the foundation of the chess team's eventual success against some extraordinarily stiff competition.

Inexperience took its toll as the JV team started slowly, but once cognition took over for impulse, the team could not be stopped. They won their last six regular-season matches and rode that crest of confidence all the way to a division championship.

The varsity, behind the leadership of seniors Dave Barrett, Jim Gothier, and Pete Winkler, came out hitting hard and carved a berth for themselves in the City Championship. Although they finished poor-

ly, they were rewarded with the satisfaction of creaming powerhouses the likes of Ottawa Hills.

Cited for their intense boredom, chess matches, which could last up to four hours, were not well supported. The length of the matches even discouraged a few of the team members. Dave Barrett, a four year member of the program, saw a decline in enthusiasm. "I was disappointed in the lack of support this year, not only from students, but also from the administration," he said. "I got the feeling they thought the team was a joke."

Consistently making themselves available, this year's coaching duo scheduled matches, taught the basics of the sport, and offered helpful hints to players who found themselves trapped in unpleasant sit-

uations. The addition of coach Mark Walton pumped new vitality into the team. Always enthusiastic, Mr. Walton could occasionally be seen physically cheering players on to victory. His enthusiasm, combined with the powerful experience of Mr. Leo Schulte, helped raise the team to the heights it experienced.

Dave Barrett spoke for the team when he said, "We would like the school to see us as competitive. We want to win as much as any football or basketball team. Granted, we're not out there practicing as much, but we represented the school with pride. Competitiveness is not most accurately measured by a fan's perspective. Rather, it lies in the players and their desire." □

— Grant Summers  
and Mark Thrun



#### ALONG FOR THE RIDE.

Trudging through the mud with senior Josh Harman wrapped around his waist, junior Mike Molinari picks up the 7 yards needed for a first down. The Combustible Huxtables beat Josh's team, 8-6. Photo by Chris Carper.

#### STRUTTIN' HIS STUFF.

Intent on avoiding his opponent's attack, junior Dave Zawisza turns the corner and picks up yardage running a sideline pattern. As team captain of the IFL Junior/Senior champions, Dave explained their success as the result of "teamwork and organization." Photo by Brandon Yanez.



#### AN IMPRESSIVE DRIVE.

Returning the opening kick-off of the Championship game, senior Scott Siford evades juniors Matt Zoldowski and Joe Weisenburger for a 35 yard gain. The Yugo's got their name from Mr. Livechi's car as a joke. Their plays corresponded with his monthly payments. Photo by Chris Fischer.





Students with family, job, and community commitments weren't able to participate in state-sponsored sports. They played intramurals, however, to show that varsity athletes weren't the only people who

# Got a Hold on COMPETITION

“Yesterday, in IFL action, Miller's Killers captured the Freshman/Sophomore championship by defeating The Little Richards, 20-0.”

The morning announcement brought rowdy cheers of victory from 001 and the painful silence of disappointment from 104.

## A SURE THREE POINTS.

Yanking his hand away just in the nick of time, senior Doug Heerdegen watches the McCartney's Molesters' defensive line block teammate Max Manley's field goal attempt. The three points that slipped away proved to be insignificant in the 20-0 shut out the Kwilight Zoners pulled off against the juniors of 205. Photo by Chris Fischer.

Miller's Killers were on top, where Russ Duvall knew they belonged all along. “We were victorious,” he said, “because we were of championship caliber. We tried hard and we worked really well together.”

Work well they did. They outscored their opponents, 50-14. The first game was the toughest as they struggled to pool their resources, barely beating O'Neal's Orges, 16-14. Their confidence up, they shut out the other two teams, getting stronger with each game. The most resounding victory came in the finals, as they humiliated The Little Richards.

Choosing an imagina-

tive and original name was almost as challenging as

winning games. There was nothing more important

than a good name.

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## Freshman-Sophomore Division

- 16-14 Miller's Killers over O'Neal's Orges
- 34-0 Sam's Sorry Sooners over Russo's Road Warriors
- 14-0 Stahler's Team over The French Connection
- Forfeit Wright's Rowdy Wranglers over Gerkin's Goons
- 14-0 Miller's Killers over Sam's Sorry Sooners
- 30-0 The Little Richards over Wright's Rowdy Wranglers
- 6-0 The Little Richards over Stahler's Team
- 20-0 Miller's Killers over The Little Richards

**Intramural Champions**  
Miller's Killers

## Junior-Senior Division

- 14-0 Yugo's over The Bourgeoisie
- 20-0 Kwilight Zone over McCartney's Molesters
- 8-6 Combustable Huxtables over Ah-Ba Slammy Slammy's
- 14-8 Painful Itches over Festering Boils
- 12-0 Sue's Sexual Wonders over McHugh's Molecules
- 30-0 Combustable Huxtables over Kwilight Zone
- Forfeit Sue's Sexual Wonders over Eight is Enough
- 14-6 Combustable Huxtables over Yugo's
- 12-6 Painful Itches over Sue's Sexual Wonders
- 14-6 Combustable Huxtables over Painful Itches

**Intramural Champions:** Combustable Huxtables



## A PICK-ME-UP

**W**hat's your best line or best approach in picking a girl up?

“I had this, ah, great thought that, ah, just maybe, slammy, we could, ah ...”

— Tim Demsey '87

“I don't need to say anything. They pick me up.”

— Harry Mouratidis '88

“I tell her I'm from St. Francis. That's all that's needed. It's a great school.”

— Jeff Long '88

“I introduce myself and ask her if I can get to know her better. I don't have any real lines. Maybe something like, ‘What's your name?’ or ‘Are you single at the moment?’”

— Robert Oliver '90

“I don't know. It's only happened once.”

— Jim Gibbons '87

“What's your sign?”

— Terrence Lee '89

“I really don't have a line. I go up to a girl, ask her how she's doing, and then ask for her phone number.”

— Todd Pack '87



On the road to an undefeated season, the Combustable Huxtables blew out four senior teams. Each victory left them on

# A JUNIOR

## High

A few, including Miller's Killers, The Combustable Huxtables, Stahler's Team, and The Little Richards, carried special connotations that few outside the homeroom could decipher. Marc Nusser, honorary spokesman for The Little Richards, explained. "Our name represented us as a group of savage individuals determined to be the best we could be."

The Little Richards did not corner the market on being good. To the contrary, a group of juniors in the corner of the Science Wing had the very same motive. They were at a slight disadvantage, though. In their division, they were the rookies and distinct underdogs. They were underclassmen challenging the untouchable domain of the seniors.

In their first game, they squeezed by the Ah-Ba Slammy Slammy's, 8-6. Steve Ramasocky remembered it as the highlight of the season. "Beating Demsey's team was great," he explained, "because they were cocky. Winning that first game got us up for the rest of the season."

That was an understatement. From that first round victory, the Combustable Huxtables blew out the the Kwilight Zone, 30-0. Not even adverse weather conditions could put a damper on their play. "It was the toughest game of the season," remembered Rob Bixler. "The field conditions were terrible, but we played hard."

The semi-final game against the Yugos and the finals against the Painful Itches were almost carbon copies of one another. Both ended 14-6 and both

felt "pretty neat," said Matt Zoldowski. "The seniors were pretty cocky. They all said there was no way the juniors could win. But we did."

Their strategy for success was twofold. First, they fielded one team of 29 players. "We didn't split up," Jeff Taylor explained, "because we wanted to win. It made no sense to water down our talent with two teams. We had good enough players that we were confident we could win if we pulled together."

Second, the players did a little pre-season planning. A handful of the most talented compared academic schedules in April of their sophomore year and arranged to have the same second period class, knowing that their homeroom would almost certainly be that same group.

It was a calculated risk that worked.

If they have their way, they'll be back again next year, stronger, quicker, and just as unbeatable. Only this time, they won't be the underdogs. They will be the top dogs. □

— Mike Dusseau and Scot Mullane

### DANG, WE'RE GOOD.

Throwing their arms high in the air, juniors Dave Topoleski and Steve Ramasocky celebrate another Combustable Huxtable touchdown against the Yugos. The juniors shut out the seniors of Mr. Livecchi's homeroom, 14-0. The Combustables were undefeated, destroying four senior teams on their path to winning the Junior/Senior Championship. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



### STUCK IN THE MIDDLE.

In a desperate attempt to deflect a pass, sophomore Todd Schroeder goes over the back of freshman Kent Sackman. The sophomores prevailed in the match-up, 22-0. Intramurals offered non-varsity athletes the values of good sportsmanship in organized competition. Photo by Scot Mullane.

## A PICK-ME-UP

What's your best line or best approach in picking a girl up?

"Hi, my name is Marty. I'm going to a party tonight and the kid's parents aren't going to be home. Do you want to go with me?"

— Marty Lavey '90

"If you're not doing anything after the game, how about coming over."

— Pat Skinner '88

"My parents aren't home. Would you like to come over?"

— Dave Throne '90

"I try to make them laugh. That way, it starts off with a smile."

— Todd Clear '87

"A guy like me doesn't use lines. I use my big club to settle all those girls down."

— Craig Snyder '89

"Lines? I don't need lines. They flock like geese at my feet."

— Joe Ray '90

"They come crawling to me, all 2 of them."

— Mark Harbaugh '87

"I ask for her name, tell her I go to St. Francis, and then I ask her out."

— Frank Petersberger '89

"What's a nice girl like you doing in a place like this?"

— Pierre Gosset '88



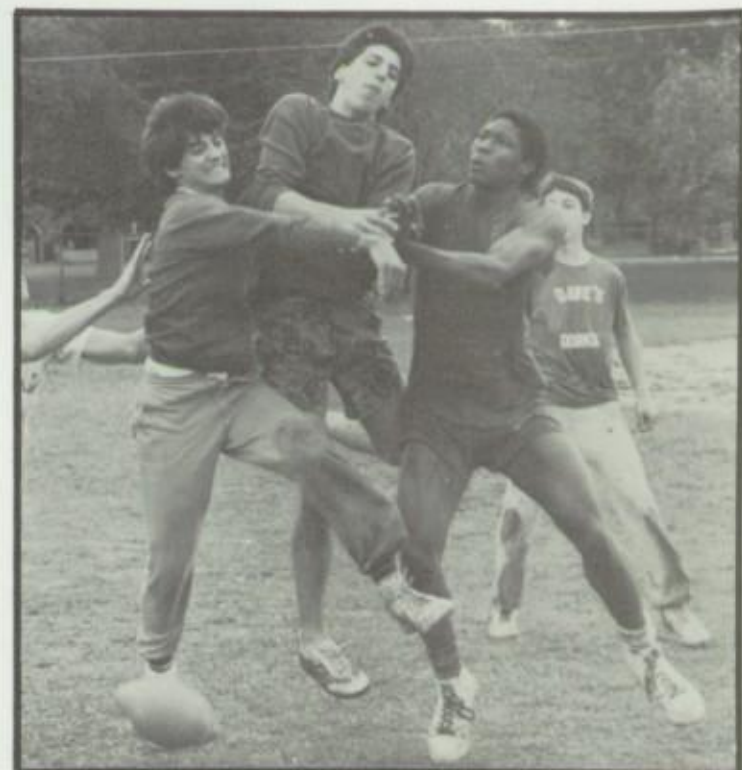


#### THE BOMB.

Secure with the extra time dropping back into the pocket offers, senior Kwilight Zoner Rick Kaser heaves the ball downfield to teammate Jim Fulop. Photo by Chris Carper.

#### THIRD AND LONG.

Sandwiched between junior Mike Molinari and senior Bryan Paraham, junior Earl Fortain of the Combustable Huxtables drops a pass from teammate Dave Zawisza. A ball wasn't the only thing the Combustables dropped. Along with the Yugos, the juniors from Mr. Murad's homeroom dropped the Kwilight Zoners, the Ah-Ba Slammy Slammy's, and the Painful Itches to win the IFL Junior/Senior title. Photo by Bill McFerron.



#### A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

Diving to recover a fumble by Comes' Little Richards', sophomore Brian Stoffel fights for possession of the football. Despite his successful recovery

of the loose ball, Wright's Really Rowdy Wranglers fell in defeat, 30-0. Mr. Wright's homeroom ended its season with a 1-1 record. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



Two varsity squads were a welcome addition.  
It made enjoying the cheerleaders

# TWICE

## as Nice

**Y**ou've all seen them. Those good-looking girls dressed in red and blue that stand on the baselines during football and basketball games. Those girls you stare at with wide eyes during pep rallies. Those girls known as the varsity cheerleaders.

This year's squads were composed of 16 regular girls and two alternates. Jenny Kowalka, a football cheerleader, was enthusiastic in her support of the school. "Cheering for St. Francis meant more than just being a 'cheerleader.' Because St. Francis is an all-guys' school, it was a special privilege to represent and be a part of it. Cheering gave me more of a chance to interact with the guys. I saw them at other places than games,

sign painting day, and pep rallies. I got to know them as people."

The dramatic change this year was the division of the group into separate football and basketball squads. Mrs. Sue Conrad, first year adviser, suggested that "this way, we involved more young women. We doubled the girls and doubled the personalities contributing to the school."

Margie Stoll liked the two squad system because she felt that "more girls were given a chance to be involved and that added to the enthusiasm for each season." Mrs. Conrad added, however, "the more girls made it more fun, but it also required more discipline. Girls had to make serious commitments to practices, meetings, and games."

The double squad system increased the girls' creative expressions. Ideas flowed freely. Each was considered and tested. Some passed and became a part of a routine. Others were shot down, only to re-surface later in a refined form.

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### DOUBLE THE PLEASURE, DOUBLE THE FUN.

With the sunlight beaming down on their drenched clothes, junior Cyndie Safford and senior Debbie Olszewski take a break from the September 6 car wash. The cheerleading squads underwent a drastic change in 1986. Instead of eight girls cheering throughout the football and basketball seasons, two separate groups of eight girls each were selected. The same method was employed with the JV squad. The end result was 30 girls representing St. Francis as opposed to the previous 15. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### VARSITY FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS

Bottom Row: Ruth Mannes, Jenny Kowalka, Kristi Comes, Margie Stoll. Top Row: Janelle White, Debbie Olszewski, Cyndie Safford, Lori Keller, Bonnie Torti. Photo by B. Hessler.



#### JV FOOTBALL SQUAD

Bottom Row: Ann Curson, Rose DiGuglielmo. Top Row: Amy Reidy, Bridget McGuire, Jenni Koral. Photo by Bob Hessler.









They take their responsibilities seriously. As members of the Knight family, they demonstrate their pride at games, rallies, and fundraisers.

The 30 girls support the school in every way possible. Be it despondent fans or dirty cars, it's obvious to all that

# They're CLEANING UP

**T**he addition of two boys to the football squad was one such idea. Seniors Cal Kynard and Maurice Henderson's acrobatic displays added a breath of fresh air to the standard routines. Men on the field enticed more guys into cheering and getting rowdy, prodding their team to victory. Maurice joined because he wanted

a chance "to show my stuff. I'm proud to be a Knight and I wanted to let people know that."

The girls possessed this same spirit. Senior Debbie Olszewski found "the St. Francis atmosphere a great feeling, one I wanted to be a part of." Lori Keller agreed. "If I were given the chance, I'd do it all again. It was well worth the work."

This year also saw the

gentle burial of a widespread myth. The misnomer that cheerleaders were stuck up, a breed apart, was discredited as guys got to know the girls who spent their off season in the stands with the rest of the Knight family. "It was nice that everyone finally saw us as down-to-earth, everyday people," explained Debbie Olszewski.

The accomplishments belonged to more than the

girls alone. Replacing Sr. Ann Marie Emon as adviser, Mrs. Sue Conrad was the driving, organizational force behind the squads. Always enthusiastic about new ideas, she encouraged the girls in every situation to be true to their commitments and themselves.

You've *all* seen them. Those good-looking girls. Maybe now you'll realize just how much effort, dedication, and time they

gave of themselves to be a member of the Knight family.

It's about time. □

— Cal Kynard, Mike Granata, and Mark Thrun

## LEADER OF THE PACK.

Determined to get the white-walls looking as good as new, SUA senior Mary Allen scrubs senior Jim Dettinger's tires. Mary, captain of the varsity basketball squad, helped raise over \$500 for the purchase of basketball and football cheerleading uniforms. Photo by Chris Fischer.



**VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS** Bottom Row: Tammy Steinman, Lynn Spak, Andrea

Brown. Top Row: Christy Bristoll, Karen Bieker, Julie Taormina. Photo by Bob Hessler.



**JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD** Bottom Row: Julie Krysztofak, Ann Czerniakowski,

Kerry Wild. Top Row: Lynn Zugay, Pam Olszewski, Michelle Billmaier. Photo by Bob Hessler.

## A PICK-ME-UP

**W**hat's your best line or best approach in picking a guy up?

"My friends want to meet you. What's your name?"

— Margie Tansey

"Could you tell me how to get to St. Francis."

— Tracy Gonia

"You intrigue me. Would you like to go out."

— Bonnie Torti

"You are ... Oh, yes, I've heard so much about you."

— Cyndie Safford

"I don't pick up guys. They pick me up."

— Pam Olszewski

"Oh, my gosh, I know you."

— Andrea Hadley

"Where did you get those pants? I love them."

— Ruth Mannes

"Oh, my God, don't I know you?"

— Kerry Wild

"Where's the Red Roof Inn?"

— Chris Werynski

"My grandma died and I need a shoulder to cry on."

— Jenny Kowalka

"I find you very attractive."

— Gretchen Schmidt

"Hey, where are you from?"

— Jenny Bascuk

"What's up?"

— Wendy Gardner

"I give him nice stares and let him know I'm checking him out."

— Jennifer Price





#### DANCE FEVER.

Performing for a capacity crowd, SUA juniors Karen Bekier and Jenny Kowalka dance to Miami Sound Machine's "Body to Body." The two squads combined their talents for the Portside Festival Market Place competition. The group's two weeks of practice for their routine prior to the September 20 show was instrumental in their second place finish. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### SQUEAKY CLEAN.

With a mixture of Ivory soap and water, NDA senior Debbie Olszewski and junior Tami Steinman scrub the hood of a patron's car at the September 6 car wash. The football and basketball squads joined forces for the fund-raiser to earn money to supplement the cost of uniforms. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## Breaking Away.

Leading their team under the spirit banner, seniors Tom Tressler (#45), Brian Mruzek (#14), Jim Dettinger (#12), and John Hudson (#80) storm the Panthers' home field. Knight spirit dimmed as the team fell to Whitmer, 21-13. The squad responded, though, winning the last eight games of the season and capturing the City Championship. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## Photo Finish.

Throwing his chest across the finish line, sophomore Craig Snyder overtakes St. John's graduate Don Ward to win the Catholic Quad's 3200 meter relay. Competition, from bickering over the last cookie to fighting for the best paying part-time job, kept students healthy, both mentally and physically. If nothing else, it kept them on their toes. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## The High Price of Success.

A perfectly executed pass, this one from Scot Mullane to Joe Sanchez, has the potential of deciding who are the winners and losers. Despite the valiant effort of Ed Hamilton (#11), the pass was complete and set up yet another goal in the 19-3 victory over Findlay. With an 18-1 final record, the Knights walked away with a nearly flawless season and a State Championship. To be the best, the Knights found out they had to rise above everyone else and leave them gasping for air. Photo by Chris Carper.







## JUST IN THE KNICK OF TIME

**S**and lot ball. Every day after school, rain or shine, we turned the playground into Tiger Stadium. We were filled with dreams of grandeur. With a little talent and a lot of imagination, we became George Brett and Carl Yastremski, blasting the ball over the 440 foot sign.

Neighborhood football games. Every Saturday afternoon, after blowing the paper route's profits on gum and video games, we turned Drummond Field into the Meadowlands. We were OJ Simpson and Walter Payton, weaving through defenders, ball safely tucked away, scoring that winning touchdown.

Pick-up basketball games. Every summer evening, after dinner, until the porch lights began to flicker, we turned those concrete driveways into Madison Square Garden. We were Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Doctor J, penetrating the defense, slamming the ball home just as the buzzer sounded.

As we grew, those dreams fell victim to reality. Heroes or no heroes, we couldn't tear the cover off the ball, throw a 90-yard pass, or jump two feet above the rim.

Despite the letdown, we never threw in the towel. Regardless of the odds, we found ourselves fighting to pull out a victory.

More often than not, we did just that. Back-to-back victories over Central brought home the Irish Knight and the second fall City Championship trophy.

There was more to competing than the thrill of victory, though. Occasionally, we suffered the painful lack of confidence that accompanied defeat. The Lucas County Recreation Center was one such setting as we fell to the strength of a more powerful Central baseball team in the City Championship game.

It was inevitable that we would fall. The resilience of the little boy won out, though, as we picked ourselves up and fought our way to the top.



## At a Record Pace

**R**egardless of the attention any one position drew, there was one constant in 1986 — the consistency of the kicking game.

Junior Pat Skinner split the uprights on point after attempts 28 of 30 times and converted 13 of 16 field goal attempts, the longest one coming from 43 yards out. □

— Dave Bodner



### WE'RE #1.

Basking in the thrill of victory, senior Eric Buczkowski (#50) and junior Steve Ujvagi celebrate a defensive stick behind the line of scrimmage. The defense brought St. John's offensive game to its knees in the 12-7 victory at UT's Glass Bowl. Photo by Chris Carper.

### A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

Working from the bottom up, Cardinal Stritch defenders Joe Galla [on the bottom of the pile], Chad Gasiorowski (#50), Jim Gregg (#43), and Jim Andrzejewski [in back] struggle to bring senior Monty Griffin down. Monty, a fourth year fullback, accumulated a total of 46 yards in the game, five on this play. St. Francis won, 20-0. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# Full Steam Ahead

They pounded their opponents with a powerful running attack. In the season's fourth game, the defense gelled and the Big Red Machine was on the war path. There was no stopping them.

**T**he contradiction of a State Championship and a 3-7 season in back-to-back years hung overhead. They had tasted the ecstasy of victory and suffered through the pain of defeat. They entered the season fully aware of all that had been with dreams of what could be. This was 1986, not 1984 or 1985. It was their year. It was their dream.

Combining the talent and experience of the seniors, the tenacity of the juniors, and the promise of a few sophomores, the 13-man coaching staff prepared the 60 boys to accept the fact that they had the potential to dominate their opponents.

According to senior Jim Brancheau, they did their job well. "There was a family atmosphere. Everyone got along with one another. People were willing to work together for the benefit of the team."

As the two weeks of two-a-days ended, players realized what they had to do. Al-

though others outside of the team were skeptical, the players and coaches were confident. They had worked hard on the weight and running program. They were ready for a good fight. They realized the DeVilbiss game was an important one because it would set the tone for the year.

The Knights prevailed, 24-21, on junior Pat Skinner's last minute field goal. It was an emotional victory. It showed the players they could win. The Knights of old were back.

After a long, tough struggle the next week, the Whitmer Panthers handed the Knights a difficult loss. Junior Matt Polster remembered that "the team was disappointed, but not because we lost. We beat them. The score just didn't reflect it."

Following a victory over Waite, the Knight defense, tired of giving up the big play in each of the first three games, matured into a fierce, dominating, hard-hitting group of defenders that no one could push around. They

recorded three shutouts in the next three games against Blue Division rivals Libbey, Rogers, and Cardinal Stritch.

Meanwhile, the offense came into its own, blowing out those same three teams by 77 points. Senior running back Lance Allen remembered that "we could pass well on everyone. We also ran very effectively. Once we put our minds to it, no one could stop us."

The team was on a high. With six games behind them, the Knights had posted three impressive victories. They owned a 5-1 record. But they were still underrated. Once again, they had something to prove.

That was the introduction to hell week. It was the St. John's game. Bragging rights were at stake. So was the school's pride.

Both teams were undefeated in the Blue Division. This game would most likely decide the division champion. St. John's was a bigger team, but that was nothing new. As tri-captain Todd Clear said,

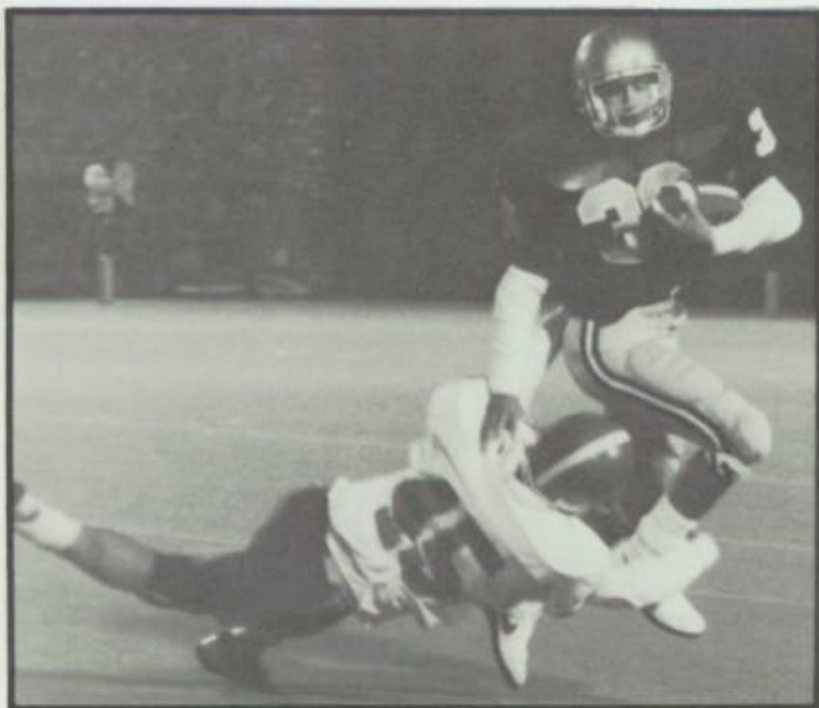
"being smaller motivated us to play harder because they thought they would run over us. Then we put it to them." St. Francis emerged victorious.

The Knights smoked Bowsher the next week, 38-0, as the Big Red Machine fueled up for its showdown with powerful Central Catholic. The Irish were bigger and stronger and picked to win. But what the numbers didn't show was that the Knights had the heart, the pride, and the desire to beat Central. They wanted to bring the Irish Knight back home. They were out to prove that they were the best team in the city.

The Knights astounded everyone, drilling Central, 31-15. St. Francis, physically, had played their toughest game and won. This time, the scoreboard proved it.

The team was to face Central again, this time in the Shoe Bowl. They were aware that this was probably their last game of the season. They wanted a victory.

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#### IN THE GRASP.

Reacting to Mark Gilstorf's (#30) breakaway, senior Tom Tressler (#45) makes a diving attempt to bring him crashing to the turf. The Gilstorf tackle was just one of nine hits for Tressler and helped hold the Johnnies to just one TD. Photo by Chris Carper.

#### A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

As a demonstration of the fierce rivalry between the Knights and Titans, senior Gene Wiewiora and junior Pat Skinner lead the football team in the destruction of the anti-St. John's banner. The Knights humiliated St. John's, 12-7. Photo by Bill McFerron.



#### OFF AND RUNNING.

Fading back for the pass, senior Brian Mruzek follows through with his part in play #32 as sophomore Zeb Jackson blasts through the middle. Photo by Larry Wang.



#### STUCK IN THE MUD.

Slowed down by the poor field conditions, senior Lance Allen (#44) finds himself stuck between Cardinal Stritch linebacker Jeff Velker (#47) and noseguard Ken Karcher (#80) and ready to be buried by linebacker Jim Grzegorzak (#43), defensive end Mike McQueary (#34), and defensive back Mike Kuhn (#90). Photo by Chris Fischer.



### At a Record Pace

**W**ithout a doubt, a rock-solid defense has become the hallmark of Knight football. The statistics are overwhelming. The varsity squad shut out their opponents four times, allowing only 9.3 points per game.

Mark Delo's interception and 32-yard TD return against St. John's cemented a 12-7 victory.

During the first Central game, Chris Diaz's persistence caused a fumble that

resulted in a Knight recovery and eventual score. Proving that his previous interception return for a TD wasn't a fluke, Delo did the same thing against Central, but this time for 52 yards.

There were many reasons for the team's 9-1 record. The most obvious was the tenacious defense. By season's end, there was no doubt that the no-name defense had indeed made one heck of an impressive name for itself. □

— Dave Bodner







1986 SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS Bottom Row: Mark Delo, Jim Dettinger, Brian Mruzek, Todd Clear, Scott Tanguay, Scott Kwiatkowski. Top Row: Monty Griffin, Eric Buczkowski, Chris Diaz, Tom Tressler, Chuck Weisenburger, John Hudson, Lance Allen, Doug Kasubski, John Stewart, John Hobbs. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## 1986 VARSITY FOOTBALL

SFS	Opponent
24 21	DeVilbiss
13 21	Whitmer
30 22	Waite
28 0	Libbey
27 0	Rogers
20 0	Stritch
12 7	St. John's
38 0	Bowsher
31 15	Central
24 7	Central (City Champions)

Final Record: 9-1

# Nothing Could Pull Them Down

The Whitmer loss behind them, they rallied to finish the season 9-1. In the end, nothing could stop them, except for 1.03 computer points.

**T**hey wanted a victory bad. The Knights came out roaring. They scored 21 unanswered points in the first half: two Lance Allen touchdown runs and a 13-yard TD pass from Brian Mruzek to John Hudson with only 28 seconds remaining in the first half. Although Central scored a touchdown on their initial possession of the second half, the Irish could never get back into the game. The Knights dominated. They were City Champs.

The *Blade* reported that "Brian Mruzek, named the game's most valuable player, said he and his teammates had plenty of motivation

### QUICK REFLEXES.

Trained to read the opponent's offensive strategy, sophomore Chris Pratt (#43) snatches an intended first down pass from the grasp of senior Mike Kuhn (#90). Chris, a strong half playing his first year of varsity ball, remembered the interception as the personal highlight of the team's 9-1 season. The Knights beat Stritch, 20-0. Photo by Chris Carper.

despite missing the playoffs [by 1.03 points].

"We felt bad after losing to Whitmer, but we came back and played well," Mruzek said. "And we felt bad when we found out we wouldn't go to the playoffs, but this game means a lot to us. We weren't going to let that get us down."

"That's the difference from last year. We lost our first game then, and it left a bad feeling all season long. We didn't let a loss bother us this time."

"Two Central fumbles in a span of 1:26 late in the second quarter helped St. Francis build its big halftime lead."

"For two weeks in a row, we couldn't hold onto the ball when we had to," said Central Head Coach Nick Toth. "We just didn't play well. And for the second straight week, St. Francis played very well."

"I thought going in to last week's game that we were the better team," Werbylo said. "A lot of people called it an upset, but I didn't think so. I was afraid it might be tough getting them up to play a team

twice in a row, but we had a lot on the line despite missing the playoffs, and they were ready."

The *ready* team had fulfilled their season-long dream of a City Championship. They had crushed the Irish two weeks in a row. There were no doubts about it now. The Knights *were* the BEST in the city.

They outscored their opponents, 249-93, averaging 25 points a game. The defense recorded four shutouts and allowed only 29 points in the final seven games. There were no doubts now. The Knights *were* the BEST in the city.

Although the team missed qualifying for the State tournament, the season was a success. They posted a 9-1 record, regained the respect they lost the previous year, recovered the Irish Knight, and brought a City Championship to St. Francis once again.

There were no doubts now. They *were* the BEST in the city. □

— Scott Kwiatkowski, Tom Tressler, and Mark Thrun



### At a Record Pace

Last fall, a list of the top 100 high school basketball players in the country was compiled and ranked by the nation's leading magazine and newspaper sports writers. Senior co-captain Colin Parker found himself ranked 61st on that elite list, a title that only a fraction of one percent of basketball players can dream ever receiving.

Colin is convinced that "the key was just hard work. You can't give your legs a rest. All you can do is just keep practicing — non-stop. □

— Mark Hanusz



#### A PIECE OF THE ACTION.

Responding to the intense defensive pressure of an emotionally charged Rogers' squad, senior Jeff Moss (#44) dishes the ball off to senior Pat Collins (#52). Tempers flared throughout the December 12 game and play was stopped in the third quarter after punches were thrown.





# Up for Grabs

It was a season of dreams. They had the talent to win everything in sight, yet they went virtually untested in City League action.

**"D**addy, Daddy, come out here!"  
No answer.  
"Tell my Daddy that I love him and I'm proud of him."

In her innocence, 7-year-old Jackie Glinka expressed the sentiment of the 813 students and 3000+ supporters of her daddy's team.

They were all proud of him. They had a right to be. He had molded his athletes into a team that performed well under the spotlight of Centennial Hall and 8500 fans. He had taught them that *no* strategy, not even Macomber's Ice

#### BOARD STRATEGY.

With Jerry Easter and Mark Kynard successfully boxed out, seniors Calvin Banks (#40) and DJ Jurek (#12) close in for the rebound. Calvin exploded against DeVilbiss with 26 points and one dunk, leading the Knights to a 68-51 victory. Photo by Bill McFeron.

Age offense, could stand in their way.

He had brought them to the title game prepared. He had set the stage for their 53-51 victory. He had become the backbone to the City Championship.

No one was surprised to see the Knights in the title game. In fact, it was a given. It was a season everyone had anticipated: players, coaches, fans, and opponents.

Yes, even opponents. St. Francis was located with talent and every team on the schedule had plans. They were going to be the Cinderella team. They were the David ready to slay this Goliath.

The team was aware of all that, but they took their job seriously. They set goals and went to work.

They wanted to win 17 regular season games. They planned on taking home the Blue Division title. They were

determined to win Cities. They wanted States.

Their goals were reasonable. They knew they were loaded with talent and could accomplish everything they set before themselves.

The season's start wasn't an easy one. The team suffered a tough psychological setback when seniors Calvin Banks and Jeff Moss were suspended for four and five games respectively for their participation in AAU competition in Michigan.

In spite of the adversity, the players pulled together. They knew they needed Calvin and Jeff, but they also knew they could win without them if it was absolutely necessary. They stood up to the challenge, beating all four of their opponents. Among those victories was an upset of the nationally ranked Chicago Southshore team.

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1986 VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM Bottom Row: Bryan Paraham, Richard Langford, Calvin Banks, Brad D'Arcangelo. TOP ROW: Dale Oudems, Lance Allen, Jeff Moss, Jerron Gray, Bob Dettinger, Rob Reams. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### 1986-87 VARSITY BASKETBALL

SFS	Opponent
74 54	Sylvania Southview
79 75	Chicago Southshore
69 50	Cardinal Stritch
71 62	Woodward
59 50	Whitmer
60 54	Rogers
57 63	Middletown
67 41	Ottawa Glandorf
70 58	Start
76 58	Lumen Christi
54 37	Central Catholic
63 27	Waite
60 49	Bowsher
68 52	Libbey
68 51	DeVilbiss
65 42	St. John's
54 41	Defiance
11 13	Macomber
55 44	Scott
53 51	Macomber (City Championship)
60 61	Start (Sectional Game)
Final Record: 18-3	



## THE TIP IN.

Outleaping his Chicago Southshore opponents, senior Rich Langford (#54) tips in a rebound as teammate Pat Collins (#52) offers some back-up support. The Toledo Athletic League brought the high-rated Southshore team to Centennial Hall, only to have

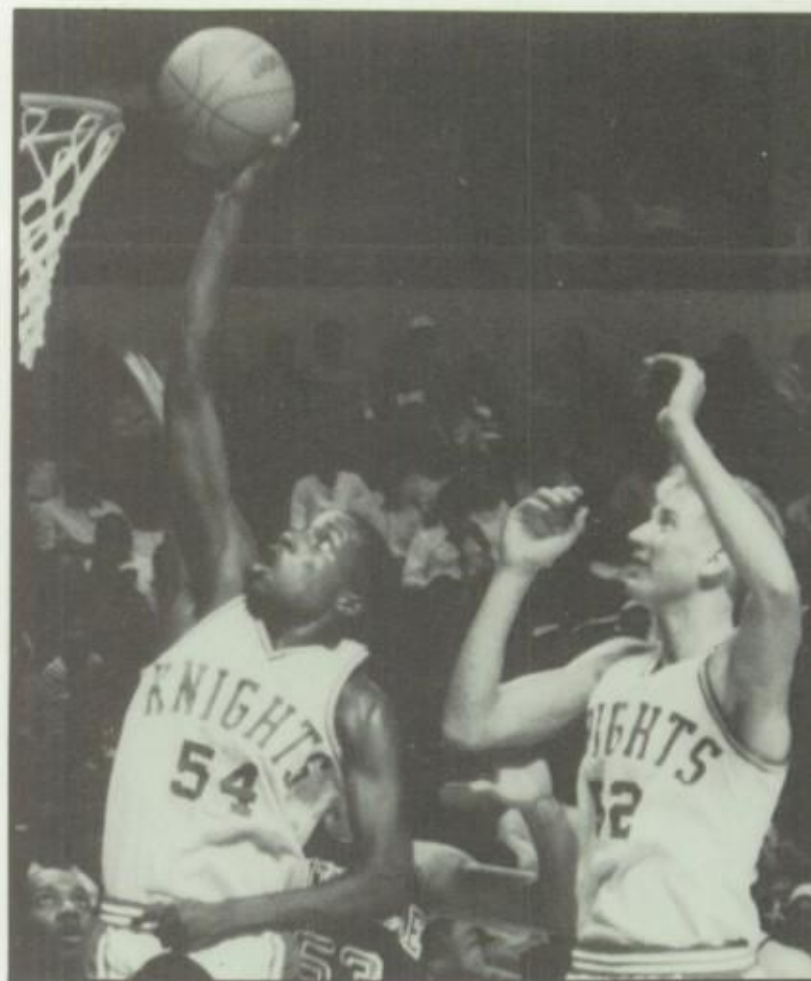
them fall at the hands of the Knights, 79-74. "It was a great game up to the last few minutes," explained co-captain Jeff Moss, "when we began to get both mentally and physically tired. We just started to enjoy our 26 point lead a little too early." Photo by Bob Hessler.

## At a Record Pace

**B**y early October, everyone had heard. Seniors Calvin Banks and Jeff Moss were suspended from four and five games at the season's start by the state.

Calvin felt the reprimand was "unfair. All the players in the City League who play on a church team should have the same penalty. It's like we were singled out." □

— Scot Mullane



# A Deadly Trap

Five extraordinarily committed seniors combined talents with the state's most powerful bench to set a deadly trap for each of their opponents. They mixed a stingy defense with an overpowering offense to obliterate team after team. They sacrificed nothing in their drive for total dominance.

**A** second of those first four games was the home opener in a newly renovated gym. It was the beginning of a new era in basketball as the athletes played before an additional 500 screaming fans.

Jeff Moss believed that the fans made a difference. "They were great," he said. "Even when we didn't play at home, they were still great."

The next home contest, against Whitmer, was the game that saw Calvin Banks return. The lay off hadn't hindered his playing ability as he led the team with 18 points in the 59-50 victory.

Intensity was the name of the next match-up. It was a

game of unbeaten division rivals. With Moss back in the line-up, the teams battled to a 23-20 halftime score. The Knights led Rogers, but the margin wasn't as comfortable as the fans had hoped.

The Knights took command in the second half and built a comfortable lead. They withstood a late rally to beat Rogers by six points.

The Middletown game was next on the agenda and it ended up as one of the two regular season losses. Injuries sidelined Colin Parker and Banks. Despite the loss, though, Moss felt the game was one of the team's best performances. "We showed character and proved our depth. We showed we had good players on the bench too."

The team blew by their next eight opponents and in the process defeated a strong Libbey squad many believed would be one of the tougher hurdles the Knights would face. They put their 15-1 record on the line as they prepared to face St. John's.

The game carried a double significance. It was against St. John's. A loss to the Titans was unthinkable. It would be a blow to the ego. More importantly, though, it was a chance to clinch the Blue Division title.

The team rose to the occasion, humiliating St. John's by 23 points.

Macomber was an altogether different story. "We were up for that game," exclaimed Jeron Gray. "We practiced hard

all week and felt as though we couldn't be stopped."

Macomber had a different scenario in mind. They were convinced St. Francis possessed an offense too strong to match. To neutralize that power, they put on a freeze that would put an Alaskan winter to shame.

The score at the half was 4-4. Eight minutes later it was 6-4. In a flurry of fourth quarter action, Macomber came from behind to crawl away with a 13-11 victory.

That confrontation set the stage for the City Championship. The two teams met for a second time, and this time they played 32 minutes of real basketball.

The rest is history. □

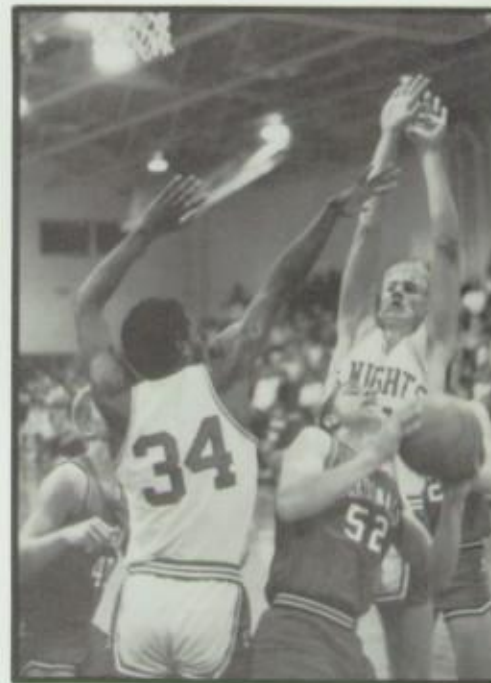
— Pat Rybarczyk





#### THE TWIN TOWERS.

Caught in a zone trap set by seniors Bryan Paraham (#34) and Pat Collins, Stritch senior Don Kornowa (#52) searches for a way out. Zone traps dictated that players close in on the man with the ball as soon as he entered the paint. Photo by Chris Carper.



#### LIFE IN THE FAST LANE.

His sights set on the basket, senior Bryan Paraham (#34) penetrates the key and approaches the rim for an uncontested two points. The easy access to the basket resulted from the team's execution of Play X, a strategy designed to open the paint area and utilize the high and low post men. Photo by Chris Carper.

#### GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES.

Eyes glued to the ball, senior DJ Jurek passes through the defensive trap of Corey Burnett and Jack Green to senior Pat Collins at the low post. DJ's six points were helpful in the Knights 68-52 thrashing of Libbey. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### THE WINNING TOUCH.

Pleased with his teammate's performance, junior Spencer Stone offers sophomore Steve Mayes congratulations at the completion of the 400 meter freestyle relay. The home pool advantage helped the Knights outswim Findlay, 176-120.

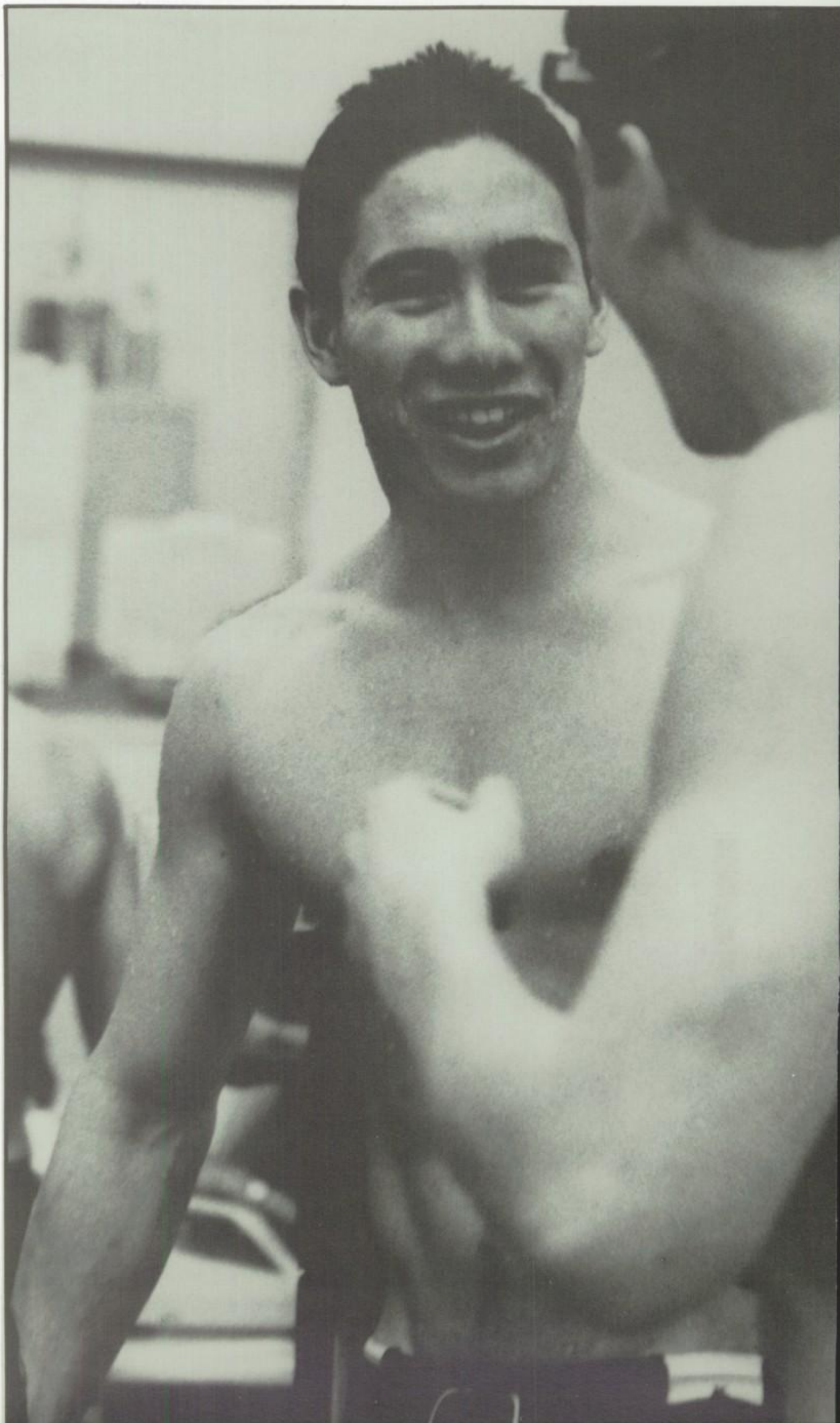


#### REACH FOR THE SKY.

Legs tucked in, senior Scott Siford finishes an inward  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pike. He earned a  $7\frac{1}{2}$  on the dive and finished second against Bloomfield Hills Andover and Ann Arbor Pioneer to Michigan's defending state champion, Jason Schiciano. An All-American his junior year, Scott finished first in Districts and sixth in states in 1986. Photo by Bill McFerron.

#### A JOB WELL DONE.

Excited with his time of 1:03.56, senior Tony Sanchez boasts of his second place finish in the 100 meter breaststroke to teammate Dave Kozar. In addition to the breaststroke, Tony won the 200 meter individual medley relay with a time of 2:09.53.





# Two for the Road

Perched atop the wave of their 21st District Championship, the swimming team took to the road. Their first stop was BGSU's Cooper Pool. Their final destination was Canton.

**D**ynasty. The word implies dominance, strength, and a time factor. In sports, the typical dynasty lasts four to seven years. Consider the Yankees, the Green Bay Packers, and the Boston Celtics. No teams have ever commanded more long-term respect in baseball, football, and basketball.

With that in mind, what kind of superlatives would adequately describe a reign of 22 years?

Impossible. Guess again. It was reality. There were no real superlatives to handle the task. There were just four simple words. St. Francis' swimming team.

The squad has stood the

## AN EMOTIONAL OUTBURST.

Yelling words of encouragement, senior Kevin Noonan cheers on classmate Tony Sanchez in the 200 meter IM. Tony finished third, :07.32 seconds behind Dave Kozar's winning time of 2:02.21. The Knights lost the dual meet to St. Xavier, 84-88. Photo by Chris Fischer.



test of time. It has won 22 consecutive District titles. That's right. Twenty-two. Winning has become second nature to the Knights.

With a renovated Swamp and a new coach, the team set out to redeem themselves from the embarrassment of an eleventh place finish in the previous season's state tournament.

Led by Mrs. Ann Urschel, the swimmers found new meaning to the words work and dedication. Senior captain Tony Sanchez "couldn't believe how hard practices were this year. Our intensity level was up from last year, though, and it really paid off."

Some teams would have rested on their history of success. Not the Knights, however. They took nothing for granted. They understood hours of practice, and thousands of laps, were behind every victory. There were no short cuts.

The team started strong, blowing out perennial powerhouse Akron Firestone and winning their next two dual

meets easily. They followed those victories with a first place finish in the Viking Invitational at Cleveland State University against the strongest teams Ohio had to offer.

Although the Knights dropped a close meet to St. Xavier, they knew they were on a roll. Practice times increased. Christmas vacation became Hell Week, with practices lasting as long as eight hours.

The work paid dividends as the swimmers realized that they had the potential to capture the state championship. "I didn't know how good we could be," said junior Joe Sanchez, "until we came out of the Big Eight as well as we did."

Sanchez was speaking of the Solon Big Eight, a meet attended by the top eight teams in the state. The squad rose to the occasion, running away with a victory. They stunned their opposition, outscoring their closest rivals by 22 points.

There was no longer any doubt. They were state cham-

pionship material. This was an experienced team with six seniors, five of whom were four year lettermen.

"In the past," suggested senior captain Chris DiSalle, "we were hurt by a lack of leadership. We [the seniors] saw it as our job to lead the team as best we could."

The Knights rolled on, losing only two more dual meets the entire season, one to the defending Michigan state champion and the other to their Ohio counterpart. They ended their season with a 9-3 record and began to prepare for the District championship. The school rallied behind them as they set out to capture their twenty-second consecutive title.

The Knights came out flying as they set a new District record in the 200 medley relay. With a time of 1:37.73, seniors DiSalle, Sanchez, Dave Kozar, and sophomore Steve Mayes quickly reminded everyone at BGSU's Cooper Pool that the Knights could not be taken lightly.

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## At a Record Pace

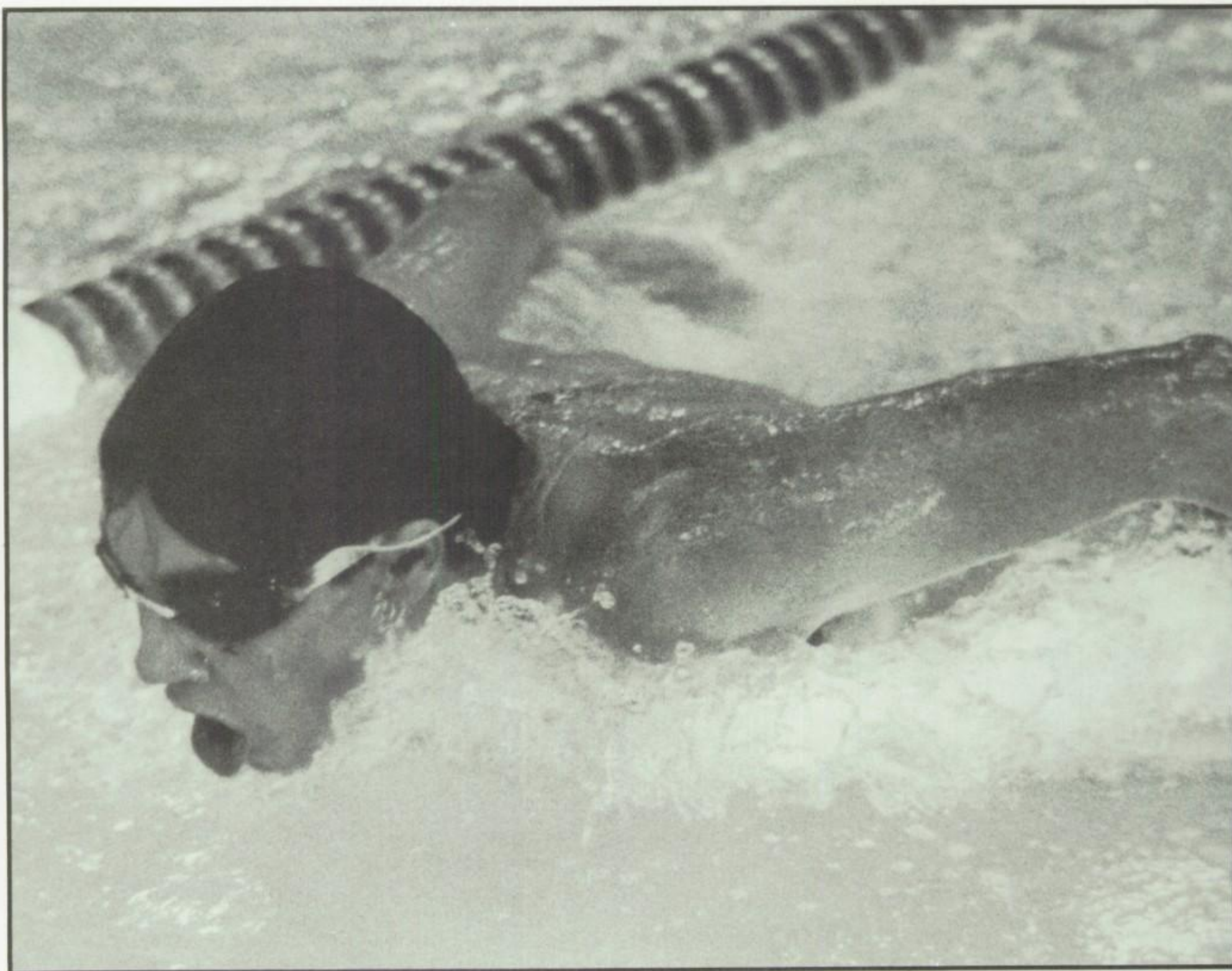
### All-American.

It's a national honor presented to high school athletes in recognition of their performances. Those who receive it belong to an elite group since only the top 30 swimmers across the United States in each event are so honored. The recognition and personal satisfaction that goes with the title is irreplaceable.

This year, the Knights have five individuals under consideration. The 200-yard medley relay team of Chris DiSalle, Dave Kozar, Steve Mayes, and Tony Sanchez were named All-American last season and are virtual shoe-ins with a time of 1:39.64. Three individuals are also prime candidates. They include DiSalle in the 100-yard backstroke, Mayes in the 50-yard freestyle, and diver Scott Siford. □

— Kevin Noonan





1986-87 VARSITY SWIMMING TEAMS Bottom Row: Dan Kurth, Brian Snyder, Pete Cole, Mike Miedler, Tim Stover. Second Row: Kevin Noonan, Rob Badhorn, Jim Nagy, Chris DiSalle, Dave Kozar, Brad Hecht, Spencer Stone, Steve Mayes. Top Row: Joe Westrick, Joe Sanchez, Ken St. John, Tom Anderson, Tony Sanchez, Phil Weisfelder, Jeff Morgan, Scott Siford, Josh Farthing, Rich Williams, Eliot Wajskol, John Schultz. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### VARSITY SWIMMING

SFS	Opponent
104 108	Solon
175 121	Akron
	Firestone
176 120	Findlay
99 75	St. Ignatius
84 88	St. Xavier
114 58	Milan
197 98	Napoleon
100 66	Worthington
98 74	Ann Arbor
	Pioneer
66 106	Andover
	Bloomfield
82 90	Upper
	Arlington
2nd of 8	Viking
	Invitational
1st of 8	Solon "Big 8"
	Invitational
1st of 19	District
	Tournament
Final Record: 38-5	





# Flew Away with It All

They were never seriously challenged. They captured their 22nd consecutive District title. No one even came close.

**G**ranted, they owned a rich tradition of success, but each member of the team realized the past didn't win championships.

Dave Kozar wasn't comfort-

## BREATHLESS.

Closing in on the finish line, sophomore Rich Williams taps his reserve energy to complete the final lap of the 100 yard butterfly. A first year member of the varsity squad, Rich swam the event against Ann Arbor Pioneer and Bloomfield Hills Andover in 1:06.5. Two and one half seconds off his personal best in the event, Rich helped the Knights defeat Pioneer in the tri-meet. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## HEADS UP.

Breaking the surface for a breath of air, senior Dave Kozar nears the finish line in the 100 meter breaststroke. Dave captured first place in the event with a time of 1:02.18. The Knights overpowered the Findlay Trojans in the home meet, 176-120. Photo by Chris Fischer.

able with the early lead. Rather than worry, however, he went to work. When the 200 yard individual medley was over, he had upped the lead with a first place finish. He had blown away a field of 24 with a time of 2:00.03, beating Matt Chamberlin of Perkins by a full second.

Brad Hecht and Joe Sanchez assured the team a little breathing room when they finished second and third in the 200 yard freestyle. Not to be outdone, senior divers Scott Siford and Jeff Morgan widened the gap with first and fourth place finishes.

The first day of competition was over, and, just as the experts had predicted, St. Francis was in the lead. Another full day of swimming lie before them, however, and they knew what could happen to their lead if they got overconfident.

The second day saw the

Knights dominate with the same ease they had enjoyed the evening before. Out of five events, they captured three first places and finished in the top four of the other two.

It was finally over and no one had any doubts who was the best in Northwest Ohio. The final results were overwhelming. St. Francis had earned 330.5 points. Malabar crawled in a distant second with 151 points.

More impressive, however, was their overall margin of victory. It would have taken the combined efforts of the second, third, and fourth place finishers to beat the Knights, and even then their combined scores would have left the meet's outcome in question until the final race.

Their performance was dominance in its finest sense. This was number twenty-two. It was a team effort. □

— Brad Hecht and Dave Bodner

## At a Record Pace

**D**ominance. Too many teams claim it. Few can support those empty boasts.

St. Francis' swimming program is one such team who can support that claim with irrefutable evidence. Northwest Ohio teams cringe in fear when they meet.

Their reputation precedes them. They own 22 consecutive District titles. That's right — 22 in a row.

The Knights have taken their swimming dominance all the way to the top two separate times. In both 1967 and 1968, they won Ohio State Championships. □

— Dave Bodner



## IN THE SWIM OF THINGS.

Tilting his head for a breath, senior Kevin Noonan brings his arm around for another stroke. Kevin, a first year member of the varsity squad, swam the 200 yard freestyle against Bloomfield Hills Andover and Ann Arbor Pioneer in a time of 1:59.13.



# A CLOSE Call

Their expectations were high, despite *The Blade's* pre-season poll. They proved Agee wrong, outscoring their opponents by 60 runs.

**M**id-February. The snow was still falling and the trees were bare, but the baseball team started to tune their skills for the 1986 season.

This early beginning proved to be invaluable for the upcoming season. The inexperienced team had been predicted to finish third in the Blue Division. Listen to what *The Blade's* John Agee had to say on the matter.

"The St. Francis baseball dynasty is over — or is it?"

"It's time for Central Catholic, or St. John's, or somebody else to take control of the City League picture — probably.

"The Knights' string of three straight City League baseball championships is supposed to be at an end after the loss of 13 seniors from last season's 30-2 team. But Head

## HOME SWEET HOME.

His foot firmly planted on home plate, senior Mark Delo (#10) prepares to accept congratulations from teammate Dan Schuller (#12). Mark's third inning home run brought in two of the eight runs that secured an 8-2 victory over Defiance. Photo by Chris Fischer.



Coach Don Kober has a knack for coming up with enough good players to be a contender. He has won six city titles in the last 12 years.

"After all, at this time last spring, who had heard of Dennis McNamara? McNamara was not a regular until his senior season at St. Francis, when he got a chance to start at last and blossomed into the league's player of the year.

"The Knights were picked to finish third in the Blue Division, which should be highly competitive. St. John's, with all-league outfielder Joe Sofo returning and a solid pitching staff, got the nod to win the Blue.

"Following is a capsule look at City League teams, listed in order of predicted finish.

## St. John's

"Joe Nye couldn't have picked a better time to assume duties as the Titans' head coach with veterans like Joe Sofo, ... who hit .500 in City League games last spring.

## St. Francis

"The only letterman back is Dan Schuller, a senior third baseman. Twins Jon (catcher) and Joe (second baseman-

pitcher) Cooper, outfielder Scott Sadowski, catcher-DH Ryan Marshall, and pitcher Tom Wojciechowski are the other seniors. Juniors Mike Kwiatkowski, Brian Mruzek, and Scott Tanguay must help the seniors if the Knights are to stay successful. 'We're just starting over and working hard,' Kober said."

There you have it. They were picked to finish third, but Coach Kober saw much more potential in his players. He would not accept the euphemism that St. Francis would have a *rebuilding season*. He realized the league had written them off as a non-threat.

The odds were against them.

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## A CLOSE PLAY.

Fielding a throw by senior Mark Delo, third baseman Dan Schuller (#12) attempts to tag Macomber left fielder Lamont Williams at third base. Mike Kwiatkowski (#21) backed up Schuller on the play that was ruled a triple as Macomber coach Dan Middling (#30) awaits the call. Kwiatkowski was named to the First Team All-City squad, Delo to the Second Team All-City roster as a utilityman, and Schuller to the Honorable Mention squad. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## AND AWAY WE GO!

Connecting on an Eastwood pitch, graduate Jay Updegraff (#34) cracks a single down the left field line. Hits like these powered the Knights to a 13-3 victory. Photo by Mark Hanusz.

## STRETCHED TO HIS LIMIT.

Reaching for the bag, junior Rob Reams avoids Clay senior Mike Schweizer's (#20) attempt at a pick-off. Despite the heads-up base running, the Knights lost, 6-8. Photo by Chris Fischer.







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## EQUAL

**W**hat one play or one game stands out most vividly from last season?

"It was the City Championship game. No one thought we could make it that far, and we did. I was never so nervous in my life. When we lost,

8-5, I was terribly disappointed."

— Mike Kwiatkowski '87

"It's the Woodward game. We went in knowing that if we won, we would clinch the Blue Division and go to the City Championship."

— Jim Dettinger '87



1986 VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM Bottom Row: Dave DeWitt, Jay Updegraff, Mike Kwiatkowski, Todd Clear, Brian Mruzek, Scott Tanguay, Ryan Marshall. Top Row: Rob Reams, Mark Delo, Mike Hood, Jon Cooper, Scott Sadowski, Dan Schuller, Joe Cooper, Tom Wojciechowski, Jim Dettinger. Photo by Mark Hanusz.



### SET THE BOUNDARIES.

Waiting his turn to take the field, graduate Scott Sadowski studies Bowsher's defensive alignment during a pre-game warm-up. As a left fielder, Scott was responsible for establishing the foul line with an orange traffic cone. Scott was named to the All-City Honorable Mention squad at season end. Photo by Chris Fischer.



### A RELAXING BREAK.

Enjoying a few moments off from an otherwise tense game, graduate Jon Cooper, seniors Mike Kwi-  
atkowski and Todd Clear, and graduate Joe Cooper joke about their plans for Prom later that same evening. The Knights escaped with a victory over DeVilbiss, 7-6. Senior Brian Mruzek attributed the close score in what should have been an easy game to the fact that "the team was more concerned with Prom than the game." Photo by Chris Fischer.



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# EQUAL

**W**hat one play or one game stands out most vividly from last season?

"The game against Northwood. We were getting beat, 5-3, going into the 6th inning. We tied it in 6th and won it in the 7th."

— Dave DeWitt '87

"The St. John's game. We had lost to them in football and I

wanted to beat them in the worst way in baseball."

— Todd Clear '87

"It was the St. John's game. Everyone expected them to beat us. It was a City League game and if we had lost that game, we probably wouldn't have gone to the City Championship."

— Brian Mruzek '87





# All WASHED Out

They finished the regular season with a .717 winning percentage. With three consecutive City Championships under their belt, they entered the league final hopeful. The 8-5 loss was tough to take.

**T**he problem with the odds is they didn't take a fiery group of athletes or a seasoned coach into account. The team started slowly, but, according to senior Mike Kwiatkowski, "we got better and better with every game we played."

They finished the season 20-7 with a 10-2 league record. Their tenacity had paid off. They earned a berth into the City League Championship game and the right to battle Central Catholic. It was time to defend the school's title.

The fired-up Knights went into the game the distinct underdogs. The Irish grabbed a

## WASHED OUT.

Too much dust behind the plate forced catcher Jon Cooper to rinse his mouth out during a break in the action. The Knights lost the game to Clay, 6-8, as a result of, according to senior Brian Mruzek, "too many mental errors." At the season's end, Jon was named the All-City and Second Team All-District squads. Photo by Chris Fischer.

quick 5-2 lead. The Knights rallied in the sixth to tie it up, but lost in the seventh, 8-5.

Their success did not go unnoticed or unrecognized. The team's play earned eight Knights post-season honors. Senior Mike Kwiatkowski, pitcher, and graduate Jon Cooper, catcher, were named to the First Team All-City squad. Seniors Todd Clear, first baseman, and Mark Delo, utility, earned a spot on the Second Team All-City ros-

## 1986 VARSITY BASEBALL

SFS	Opponent
1 1	Springfield
26 5	Scott
11 6	Genoa
16 8	Ottawa Hills
5 5	Rosford
12 3	Northview
7 6	DeVilbiss
3 1	St. Mary's
8 6	St. Mary's
7 5	Stritch
6 8	Clay
5 3	St. John's
7 5	Milan, MI
8 1	Milan, MI
2 5	Findlay
12 10	Libbey
8 17	Whitmer
14 6	Macomber
7 6	Bowsher
8 2	Defiance
6 12	Defiance
6 5	Northwood
13 7	Rogers
13 3	Eastwood
4 15	Start
5 4	Waite
9 1	Woodward
4 14	Central
5 8	Central

(City Champions)

Final Record: 20-7-2

ter. Four others, including junior Rob Reams and graduates Joe Cooper, Scott Sadowski, and Dan Schuller, received All-City Honorable Mention citations.

There was no stronger a statement of the coaching staff's competency than the recognition individual players received. The three man corps had taken a group of talented athletes and formed a good team.

"Coach Kober can take any average team and make cham-

pions out of them," claimed Jon Cooper.

Jon wasn't the only person to recognize this quality. The City League coaches did too. Consequently, they named Mr. Kober "Coach of the Year."

In addition to the coaching staff, senior Brian Mruzek appreciated the crowd support. "Throughout the season," Brian said, "the fans supported us. They stayed with us in good times and in bad."

Bad times. A 10-2 City League record. A second place finish in league competition. Eight All-City players.

Bad times. Who was he trying to kid?

— Tom Turner

## ALL WOUND UP.

True to the textbook's form, graduate Tom Wojciechowski (#14) prepares to send the ball sailing across home plate. Tom's strategy as the Knights' first relief pitcher was to either dominate the hitters with speed or intimidate them with low, inside pitches that ended up as ground balls. However, neither plan worked in the Defiance game. The Knights lost, 6-12. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Using his catcher's mitt to block the bat, graduate Jon Cooper foils an attempted bunt by Bowsher senior Matt Grothaus. The Knights won the contest, 7-6. Photo by Mark Hanusz.



# SAVING *face*

They wouldn't roll over and die. They were a force to be reckoned with.



unconventional motto became the trademark of the hockey team as they did their share of slamming. Characterized by a hard-hitting style of play, the Knights provided plenty of excitement for their fans.

From the very start, the Knights faced a multitude of problems. Finding a new goalie led the list. Losing three of last year's

-ba, Slammy, Slammy!" That slightly

four top scorers followed a close second. In addition, they lost three players to poor grades and injuries.

Senior John Meyer found it "tough to play with such a small line-up. We didn't really have a whole team until the last game."

Looking for leadership, first year Head Coach Mark Hamilton found what he needed in tri-captains Tim Demsey, Bill Goodyear, and Jeff LaCourse. "I was very happy with this team's leadership," said Coach Hamilton. "Tim,

spots in their play. Tough defense and tenacious forechecking shut down a few of the high-powered offenses that were expected to blow them out. To their credit, they outscored almost every opponent in the third quarter.

They learned to measure success differently than most. The most important way was the recognition seniors received from colleges. The highly-recruited Demsey believed "Coach did a great job getting us noticed. He attracted a lot of scouts to the games and we did the rest."

The season was long and tough, but the team showed character. Coach Hamilton believed that "the players were very classy. They made a great season out of it." □

— Jeff LaCourse

## 1986-87 VARSITY HOCKEY

SFS	Opponent
3	9 Rocky River
5	11 St. Edward's
14	4 Southview
8	6 Centerville
5	8 Moeller
2	8 Clay, Indiana
3	9 Northview
2	5 Findlay
9	4 Ottawa Hills
8	1 Whitmer
2	7 St. John's
1	12 Northview
2	9 Bowling Green
2	9 St. John's
1	4 Bowling Green
3	9 Bowling Green
9	2 Southview
2	10 Gabriel Richard
5	7 Northview
5	10 Lumen Christi
6	1 Ottawa Hills
2	5 Findlay
2	6 St. John's
3	5 St. John's
6	5 Whitmer
2	10 Northview
4	5 University of Liggett

Final Record: 7-20

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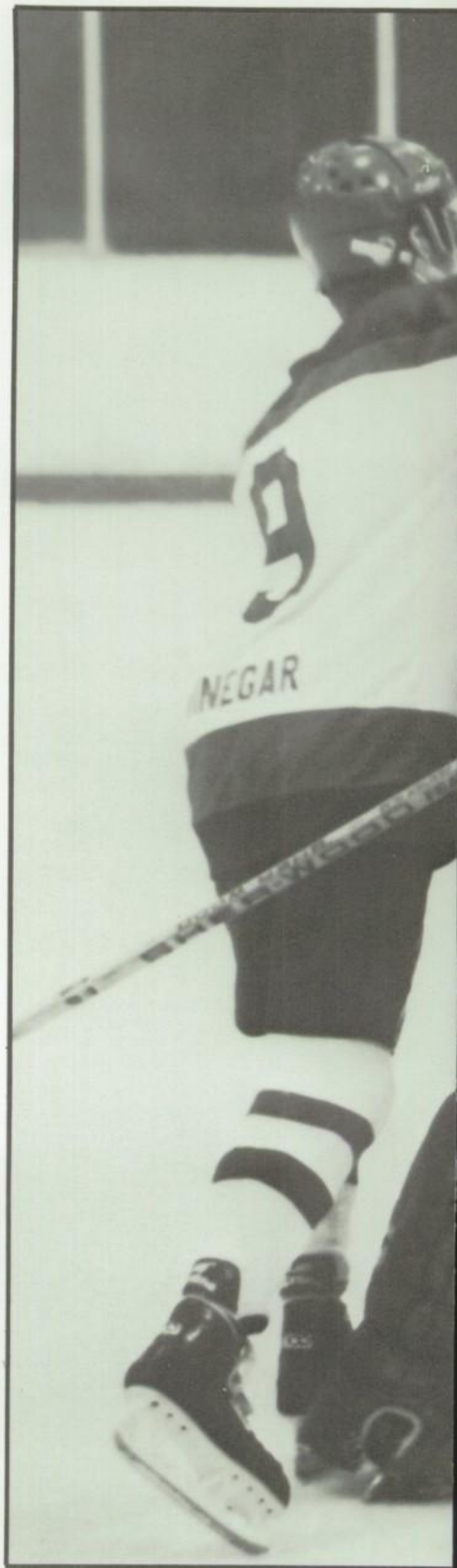
Falling on the puck, senior Dave Eisenger defends the goal from an Ottawa Hills offensive attack. A third year member of the varsity team, Dave had 26 saves in the 8-2 victory. Photo by Chris Fischer.

Bill, and Jeff really set a good example for the others to follow. They helped build the great character this team possessed."

Despite their 7-20 final record, there were a few bright

### EVERY CLOUD HAS A SILVER LINING.

His job of defending the St. Francis goal completed for the evening, senior John Meyer accepts congratulations from teammates Jeff LaCourse (#3) and Neil Winegar (#9). Although the Knights lost the game, 7-5, Meyer was pleased with the team's performance. "I was surprised the game was so close," he said. "We could have beat them." Northview fielded an extraordinarily talented team this year, returning the majority of last year's squad (which advanced to the state tournament's semi-final round against Lakewood St. Edward's). Photo by Chris Fischer.







#### A PERFECT TEN.

Jubilant over his second goal of the period, senior co-captain Bill Goodyear (#10) accepts congratulations from teammates Steve Donovan and Steve Ramasocky. Bill believed the Knights posted an 8-2 victory over Ottawa Hills "because we hustled more than they did." Photo by Bill McFeron.

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## EQUAL

**T**he cool, crisp air.  
The roar of the crowd.

The crunching of pads that accompany a solid hit.

Those are just three of the strongest attractions that draw fans to the ice arena. They came to watch an aggressive game of hockey.

They players were there for different reasons, though. For senior Tim Demsey, it was "the excitement and physical violence of a good game."

The team's status

has grown tremendously in the past four years. Tim believes that attitude change resulted from the team's recognition as a school-sanctioned sport.

Tim has played in the limelight for three years. His personal career highlight came this year, however, when he scored eight goals against Sylvania Southview. It was in that game that Tim combined speed, balance and speed perfectly. □

— Kevin O'Brien



1986-87 VARSITY HOCKEY TEAM Bottom Row: Tim Demsey, Bill Goodyear, Eric Letke, Dave Eisenger, Steve Ramasocky, Craig Snyder, John Meyer. Top Row: Coach Jeff Jenson, Jeff LaCourse, Scott Markiecki, Dan Farmer, Jeff Turski, Jim Gercak, Jon Barrow, Niel Winegar, Steve Donovan, Beau Barrow, Head Coach Mark Hamilton, Coach Mike Morey. Photo by Chris Fischer.



# High and MIGHTY

The one regular season loss was more a help than a hindrance. The team knew what they wanted and went after it. When the water settled, only one thing remained — a State Championship.



t began with a dream, one started four years earlier. Fresh after a

ble shapes of our lives," said senior co-captain Chris DiSalle. "Every other team's best quarter was the first. After that, they couldn't stay up with us."

State Championship the previous year, the 1983 water polo team brought under its wings a group of freshmen with the same dream, a State Championship.

That dream was almost realized last year, but a fourth place finish in the state tournament sent the group back home to perfect that dream.

With the addition of Head Coach John DiSalle, the Knights buckled down. Practices intensified. The team stressed conditioning.

"We were in the best possi-

Seaholm. Panic did not set in, though. A few realized the loss was more a help than a hinderance.

"Our one loss to Birmingham was a blessing in dis-

guise," said senior co-captain Tony Sanchez. "It made us realize we still had some work to do before the State tournament."

The Knights entered the State tournament confidently. Their first opponent, Cincinnati Sycamore, was no match for their blazing fast-break and potent offense. St. Francis took the initial game, 20-4.

The next opponent, Berea, also fell easily, 21-8. They were impotent against the strength, saves, and swarming Knight defense.

Perhaps the most important game of the tournament was next. Their opponent was Cincinnati Princeton, ranked second in pre-season polls. After one quarter, Princeton led, 3-2. However, the St. Francis recovered and led by the half, 6-3. The defense held tough, allowing only two goals in the last three quarters. The game ended 13-5. The Knights had prevailed.

The title game was next. It was an all or nothing proposition. The opponent was a big, powerful Canton Glen Oak team. They were the team that defeated the Knights in the final game of last year's state

tournament on a last second shot.

It was not to happen again. Led by senior co-captain Dave Kozar, who had a tournament high eight goals, six in the first half, the Knights led at the half, 9-7.

The second half was all St. Francis as junior goalie Dan Kurth enjoyed his best game of the tournament, stopping two free shots. The Knights won, 18-12.

The dream of a State Championship was reality. At the final game, Kozar said, "There was a feeling of great intensity before the game. Memories of last year's final second defeat kept flashing through my head. There was no way it would happen again. We had worked too hard and our spirits were too high. No one could stand in our way!"

And no one did. □

— Brad Hecht and Rick Kessler

## OUT OF MY WAY.

With graceful determination, senior Chris DiSalle blocks a pass of Findlay senior Steve Hamilton (#15). A four year member of the varsity squad, Chris contributed five goals in the 18-4 humiliation of the Trojans. In the teams three meetings this season, the Knights outscored Findlay, 54-10. Photo by Chris Fischer.

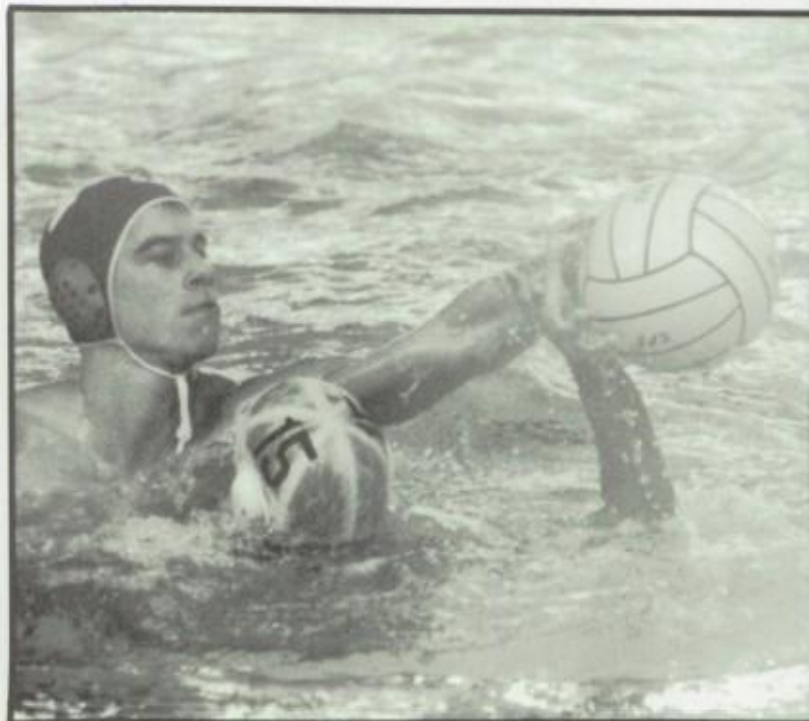
## 1986 VARSITY WATER POLO

SFS	Opponent
20 6	Northview
19 3	Findlay
29 9	Sycamore
17 8	Berea
7 11	Seaholm
22 6	Ann Arbor
	Huron
17 4	Findlay
17 2	Napoleon
23 9	Timken
20 4	Berea
17 5	Glen Oak
18 11	Ann Arbor
	Pioneer
18 4	Findlay
20 3	Napoleon
13 10	Ann Arbor
	Pioneer
20 4	Sycamore
21 8	Berea
13 5	Princeton
18 12	Glen Oak

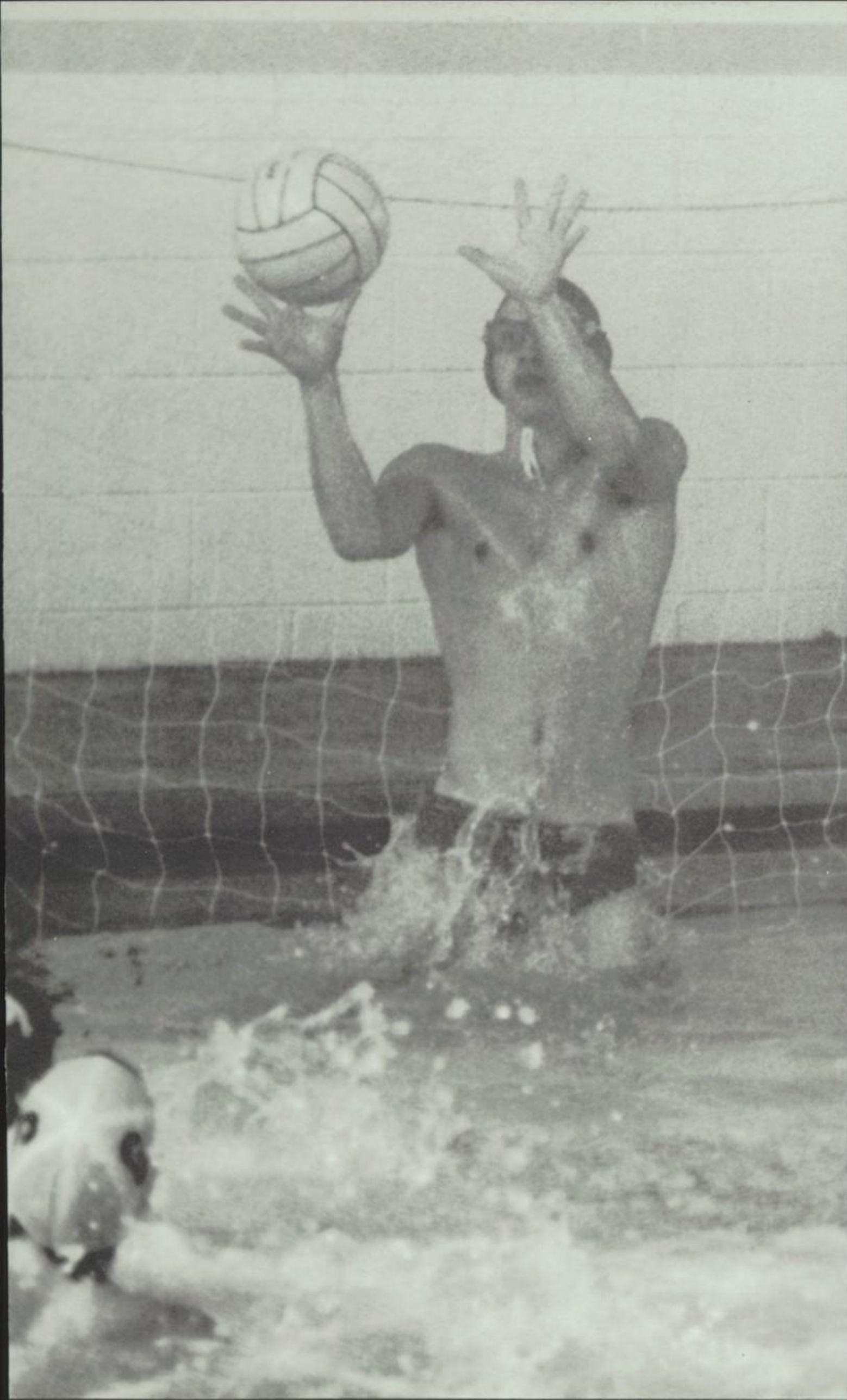
Final Record: 18-1



1986 VARSITY WATER POLO TEAM Bottom Row: Jim Nagy, Spencer Stone, Dave Kozar, Chris DiSalle, Brad Hecht, Scot Mullane. Top Row: John Schultz, Jeff Kurth, Tony Sanchez, Steve Mayes, Dan Kurth, Joe Sanchez, Eliot Wajskol, Phil Weisfelder. Photo by Chris Fischer.







#### BLOCK THAT SHOT.

Poised and ready to catch the ball, junior Dan Kurth stops another attempted goal by Findlay. In his first year as varsity goalkeeper, Dan held up his end in the 19-3 thrashing of the Trojans. In the season, the Knights outscored their opponents, 356-124. Photo by Chris Fischer.

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## EQUAL

**T**otal domination in any sport is practically impossible. It means combining intelligent thinking, practiced skill, powerful players, and the ability to pull it all together as a team.

In 1986, the varsity water polo team did just that.

Coach John DiSalle credited the team's success to "talent, leadership of the captains and swim sets before practice."

Senior Brad Hecht agreed. "Everyone on varsity played together three or four years. We knew how each other played and thought and adjusted to different situations in the same way." □

— Kevin Noonan



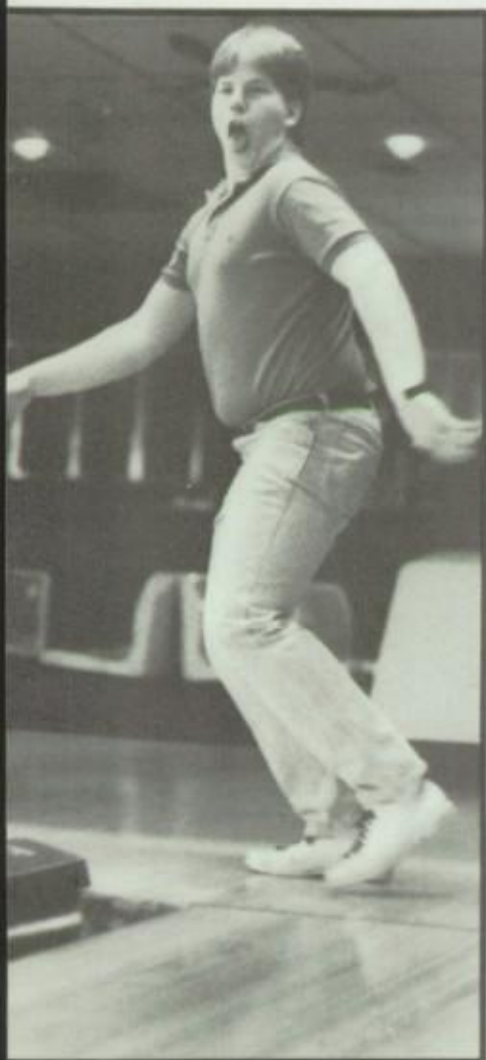
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**EQUAL**

**C**liff releases the ball. It teeters on the edge of the gutter for what seems like an eternity. Then, at the last second, it hooks into the pocket. The pins are sent into a frenzy. **STRIKE!**

Tim fires the ball straight down the alley. It hits the pocket with an ear-shattering crash, and the pins seem to crumble beneath the force of the ball.

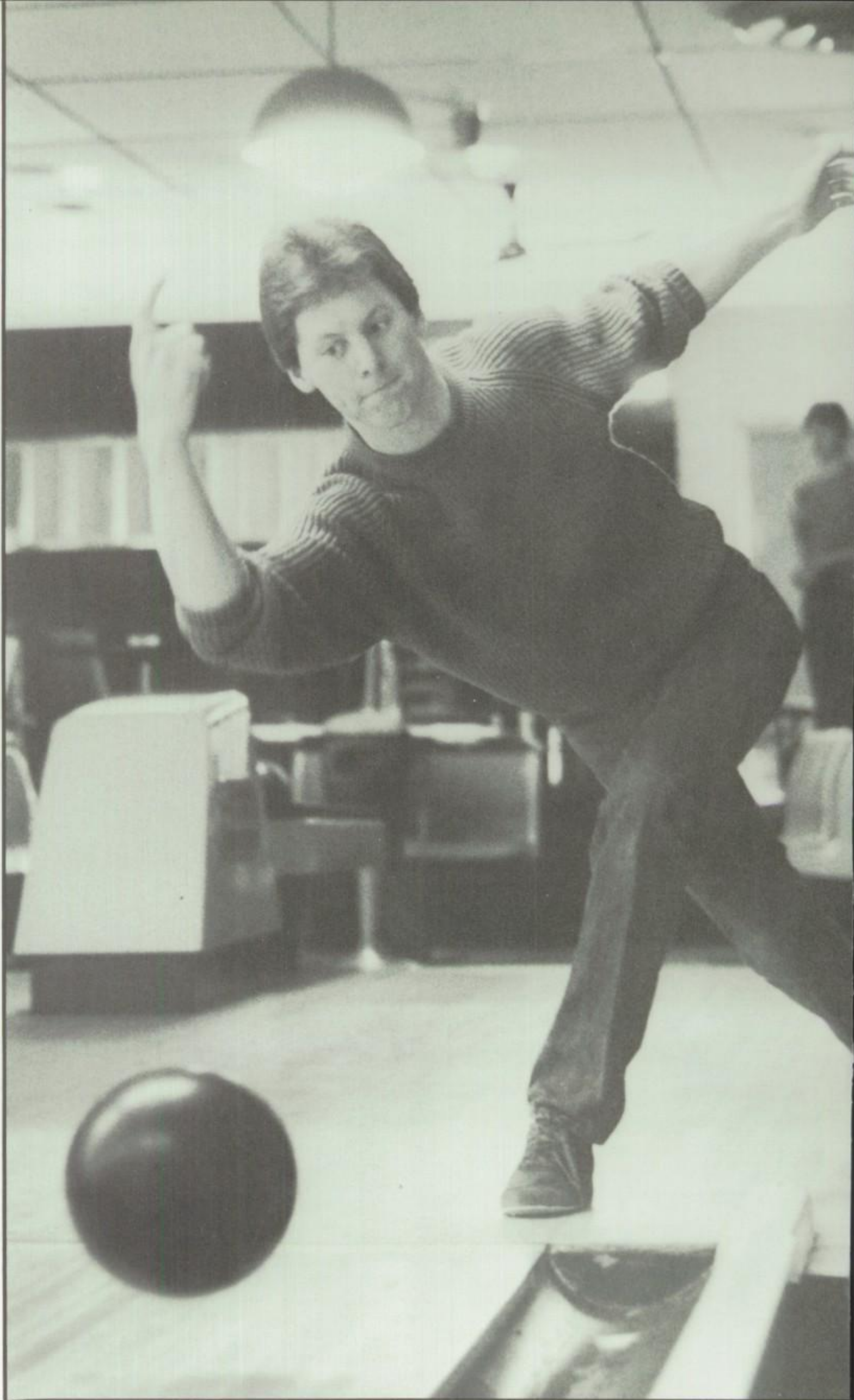
Bowling rocks. □

— Don Skaff



**THAT LITTLE EXTRA.**

Encouraging the ball to take on a little extra spin, junior Chad Blachowski uses body English in an attempt to bring home a strike. More successful than not, Chad finished the season with a 170 average. Photo by Chris Fischer.





## SIDE-STEP.

With a look of determination, senior Bob Hessler releases some post-game tension following the 2-1 loss to Woodward. Bob's high game was a 190. He finished with a 544 series. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## A BALANCED DELIVERY.

Following through on his release, senior Shawn Zablocki watches as the ball closes in on its target. Shawn loved bowling because "it was a lot of fun and gave me something to do with my free time." Photo by Chris Fischer.



**VARSITY BOWLING TEAM** Bottom Row: Bob Hessler, Shawn Zablocki. Top Row: Chad Blachowski, Jeff Christoffers, Tim Szozda.



**JUNIOR VARSITY BOWLING** Bottom Row: Kirk Mieczkowski, Andy Dembowski. Top Row: John Zawisza, Paul Antkowiak.



# FRAME of Mind

It required the concentration of a hypnotist and the calculations of a mathematician. Even the smallest of errors proved to be disastrous.

**T**hree hundred points in a perfect game. Thirty pins in a turkey.

Three holes in a ball. Numbers. They aided analysis. They were evidence of success and failure.

There were times, however, when numbers weren't always the best way to judge a team's success. They didn't always reflect the physical, mental, and emotional commitments people made to a team.

A losing record didn't always mean a losing season. Coaches argued that determination and spirit were often more important. Those two intangibles accounted for the basic structure of every worth-

while squad.

The varsity bowling team was built on them.

Saturday mornings from October through April, bowlers gathered to send pins flying. Occupying alleys at Imperial Lanes, the varsity squad struggled to remain out of the cellar. Faced with dominating

teams like Woodward, Waite, and Central Catholic, the Knights were forced to take a back seat. Trophies were replaced with friendships as competitors be-

came comrades.

Mr. Steve Loomis, replacing Mr. Don Murad as the team's moderator, expressed his pleasure in the team's attitude. "I was so impressed with the kids," he said. "Guys that were competing against one

another offered encouragement to one another. The Saturday morning matches were not cut-throat competitions. Of course they always tried to do their best, but they kept things in perspective. They were there to have fun. It wasn't all winning and losing."

Mr. Loomis is also found that "bowling helped improve a lot of kids self-confidence. They enjoyed

the comradery of the friends they made from the other schools."

That was most evident when Ed Sneed from Woodward rolled a perfect 300. Everyone rejoiced with him. Rivalries disappeared that morn-

ing.

"The Woodward game was our most important," suggested junior Jeff Christoffers. "They performed in-

credibly well and we still only lost by a narrow margin."

Jeff was personally grateful for the guidance and support he received from the two seniors.

"They were outstanding role models," Jeff claimed. "They taught us to be dedi-

cated."

Personal satisfaction. Dedication.

The numbers were important, but they weren't the final measure of success.

The relationships were. □

— Mark Thrun

## VARSITY BOWLING

### Mid-Season Standings

SFS	Opponent
17 4	Woodward
15 6	Waite
11 10	Central
10 11	DeVilbiss
10 11	Whitmer
9 12	Macomber
8 13	Rogers
4 17	St. Francis

## JV BOWLING

### Mid-Season Standings

19 2	Waite A
18 3	Start A
17 4	Whitmer B
14½ 6½	Waite B
14 7	Rogers B
13½ 7½	Whitmer A
11 10	Woodward A
9 12	Macomber A
9 12	Libbey A
8 13	St. Ursula A
8 13	St. Francis A
7 14	St. John's A
6 15	Central A
6 15	Notre Dame
5 16	Woodward B
3 18	Rogers A



# RAAN Ragged

"LET'S TRIPLE" read the sign in the cross country locker room.

Only team members understood the message.

It was a message that had been with them all season. That afternoon, there were three boys' races — freshmen, junior varsity, and varsity — and every team member knew the school had the potential of winning all three. The one obstacle was a young JV squad, and it proved to be a barrier too high to hurdle. The JV team finished second behind St. John's.

A new ruling disallowed more than seven runners in the varsity championship. Since seniors had never been permitted to compete in the JV race, the mandate effectively eliminated seniors who did not own one of the top seven times from running in a city championship their final year in high school.

In the past, a team could field as many as ten runners, although only the top seven times were computed as a part of the team score. Coach Lewis traditionally reserved the three extra spots for four year members of the cross country program. It was a chance for the athlete to finish his high school career in style.

The change affected four seniors personally. Steve Donovan, one of those seniors, was disappointed. "I don't understand why the procedure was changed *this* year. Every year, I can remember seniors being allowed to run."

The City League implemented the ruling, after a vote of the coaches, explaining that the extra runners could accidentally foul or injure a scoring runner from another school. There was also the possibility that a scoring runner might get caught behind two non-scoring athletes running in a pack, thereby slowing his pace, artificially increasing his time, and eventually affecting the score of the race.

Despite their good intentions, physical energy, and psyche, the JV team was not able to overcome early season injuries that resulted in runners starting the season late. In the City Championship, the team fell behind in the first mile and a half and were never able to make up that distance.

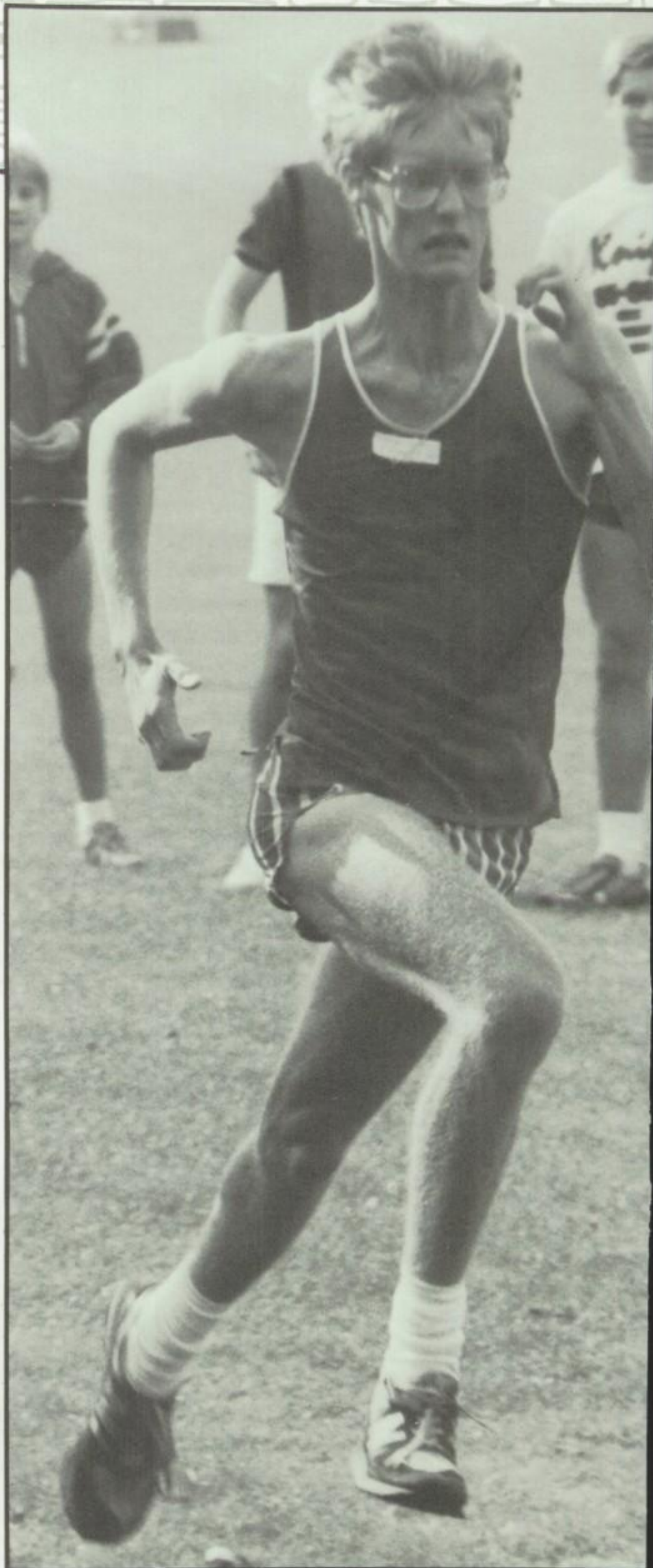
The championship tournament ended without the triple the teams had hoped for, but in the process, each person had run to his potential and had tripled the number of friends he could count on. □

— Craig Bickle and Scot Mullane



**FRESHMAN CROSS COUNTRY** Bottom Row: Jim Knauer, Tom Anderson, Steve Homringhaus, Jeff Pierce, Pete Mueller. Top Row: Dave Faylor,

Keith Blanchard, Mark Strause, Matt Aman, Ted Hennessy, Karl Westrick, Dave Raczkowski. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# SLAMMY SLAMMY

The incentives were there. There was a Blue Division title to lay claim to. There was a trip to the City Championship to dream about. There was the opportunity to be considered the best.

There was more, though. There was experience to be gained. This was the first time these young men enjoyed the large crowds the varsity drew. This was the first time their games meant something to someone other

than the family and a girlfriend.

JV basketball was an important step in the extremely successful basketball program. It prepared the athlete for varsity competi-

## HEADING HOME.

In an all-out sprint for the finish line, sophomore Jay Heiniger fights to cut extra seconds from his final time. Jay finished the JV City Championship tenth for the Knights, and 47th overall, with a time of 22:12. The JV squad finished second to St. John's by 26 points. Photo by Bill McFerron.

tion.

"Coach Kober stressed the fundamentals and techniques that were necessary to become a more complete ball player," explained Al Baker.

The players learned quickly that it was impossible to become better without the basic skills and solid foundation that Coach Kober's drills demanded. The close games were evidence of that.

That was the one quality that

most characterized the season — close games. It was always a matter of just a few points.

The Bowsher game typified the entire season. It was the classic nail-biter. Neither team dominated. The lead changed hands throughout the entire game and the outcome wasn't decided until the final four seconds when Bowsher nailed a pair of foul shots.

Those close leads were potentially demoralizing. Kober would

not allow that to happen, however, as he required his athletes to practice as well as play hard.

That resilience paid its dividends when the team went up against the Titans.

"The St. John's game was great!" exclaimed Anthony Williams. "The students came out to support us. Playing in front of all those people was a great feeling. I liked the way the substitutes made a contribution to the game. We played as a team."

Kevin Doniere supported Williams completely. "Beating St. John's was excellent, especially since the JV hadn't beaten them in a long time."

Rob Blanton went one step further. "It was the *best* game we played all season," he claimed. "We came out and dominated the entire game."

They were able to dominate because they had listened to their coach and accepted his philosophy. Nothing but honest hard work was acceptable. Winning was important, but it wasn't a life-or-death situation. Honest hard work was.

Their 10-8 record was not an indication of mediocrity. Coach Kober believed it was evidence of a commitment to growth. "It was rewarding," he said, "to see a much better team on the floor in February than at the beginning of the season." □

— Rick Kaser and Tim Pearsall

JV BASKETBALL Bottom Row: John Sanders, Al Almaguer, Steve Sadowski, Steve Bartalsky, Errick Christian. Top Row: Kevin Doniere, John Jesionowski, Rob Blanton, Al Baker, Anthony Williams, Gary Hahn. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## DRIVEN to Extremes

Football required muscles the size of Iowa.

Basketball demanded height rivaling that of the O-I building.

There was one sport, however, that required not only outstanding physical prowess, but also intense concentration.

The sport was golf.

At the beginning of the season, Coach Dave Comes and the JV team placed high expectations on what

they realized would be a very short season. For some, this was to be their first experience in high school league action. A few were nervous.

Detwiler was one of the causes of the team's anxiety. Freshman Matt Waznicak explained that "the course can really run a player down mentally and physically. It's long and has more hazards than any other course we played this season."

In preparation, players practiced the shots they anticipated would give them the most trouble on match day. They also prepared mentally, envisioning those shots landing exactly where they needed to land.

The preparation paid off as the team posted a 3-1 record, beating Southview, Bowsher, and Whitmer.

The first year players found the Whitmer victory most rewarding. Coach Comes explained their attitude. "It [the Whitmer victory] was a chance to reclaim school pride after the football loss," he said.

Coach Comes also felt his players "have the potential to become excellent golfers in the next few years as they mature." □

— Curt Koslovsky

### 1986 JV GOLF

Southview  
172-175  
St. John's  
167-158  
Bowsher  
167-176  
Whitmer  
181-183  
Final Record:  
3-1





# SERVED

## Their Purpose

The Chicago White Sox used to do it. The Cincinnati Reds still do it. But the JV tennis team?

Believe it.

Even though they were the only four year members of the tennis program, Steve Zawisza and Norm Frankowski weren't full-fledged varsity players. The pair spent the

1986 season as both varsity players and JV player/coaches. Head Coach Tom Bingle was the first person in recent history to experiment with the unconventional system.

His results were nothing less than fantastic.

Experience led to conquest as the junior varsity squad was an unquestionable powerhouse, finishing the season with an impressive 23-4 record.

They cleaned up at the City

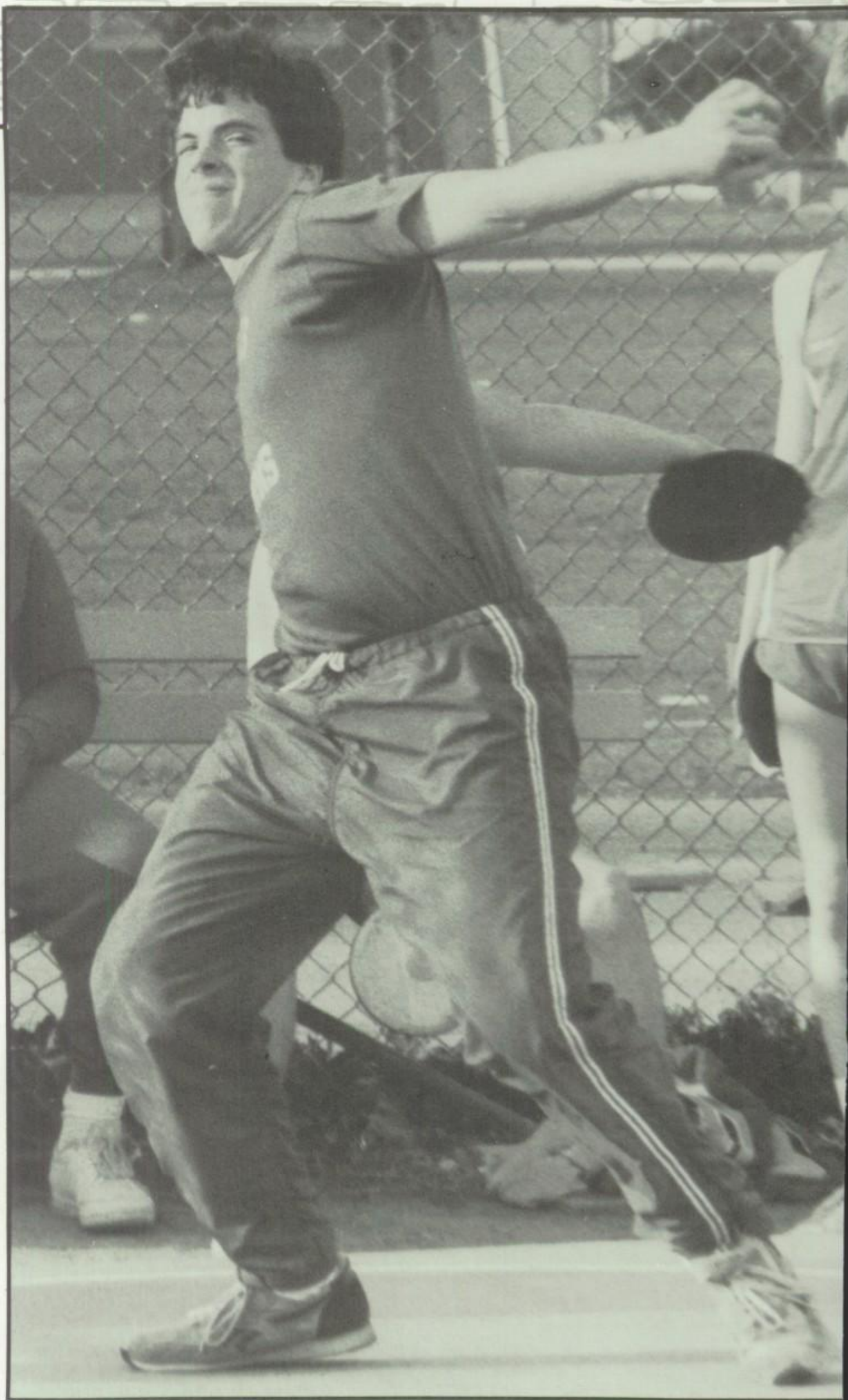
League Championship tournament as Matt Hawley, John Yeager, and Mike Leonardi grabbed first, second, and third place singles and Bill Stone and John Monaghan took first place doubles.

The JV team provided a testing ground for the future varsity. Nevertheless, it was more than just practice. It held a significance no words could capture for those who really cared about the game. It was a challenge in its own right. □

— Norm Frankowski

### THE SHOT HEARD AROUND THE WORLD.

With his arm stretched to its limit, junior Paul Ketterman prepares to unleash the discus. Paul won the event in a meet against Rogers, Central Catholic, Bowsher, and Whitmer with a throw of 116 feet. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### 1986 JV TENNIS

St. John's  
3-4

St. John's  
1-4

St. John's  
7-1

Maumee  
3-2

Maumee  
4-2

Start  
4-1

Start  
4-1

Bowsher  
5-0

Whitmer  
5-0

City Tournament  
7 first place  
2 second place

Final Record:  
23-4



# A CLUTCH Performance

There was little argument that wrestling was the most demanding of all high school athletics. Wrestlers not only conditioned and trained to stay in peak physical condition. They also dieted to maintain their required weight.

Anyone who ever saw the hollow, gaunt face of a wrestler-in-training attempting to cut weight, sometimes as much as 10-15 pounds a week, knew the toll wrestling took on its participants.

The JV wrestling team conditioned to maintain their skills, dieted to maintain their weight, and won to maintain their reputation.

Just look at their perfect 7-0 dual meet record. Consider their success in tournament action. No matter how anyone juggled the numbers, they were overwhelmingly in their favor.

Team members felt as if they received little moral or spiritual support outside their parents, siblings, and girlfriends. Yet, they accepted that encouragement wholeheartedly and worked to their fullest potential. There was no stronger evidence of that than their 73-2 final record.

Wrestling. It traditionally took two strong characteristics — a deep commitment and the resilience to demand nothing but perfection. This year, the JV squad found the missing ingredient that allowed it to rise to the heights it did — team spirit. That community attitude made them invincible.

It was a season few have the courage to even dream about. The team was the epitome of consistency. They won all seven of their dual meets. They capped it off with a City Championship. In addition, the team placed second in both the Swanton and Cardinal Stritch tournaments. Its true character, however, became evident at the Evergreen tournament.

The Knights finished first from a field of 28, doing so without winning a single individual championship.

In the process, they had finished just ahead of arch-rivals St. John's and Rogers.

The team's real contribution was less visible. It was hard to see and even harder to grasp. Every day, they practiced with the varsity, pushing them to their limit.

They accepted Coach Janke's maxim. "A team

was only as strong as its weakest member."

They were proud for they knew they were that strong link. □

— Marty Bihn and Tim Pearsall

JV WRESTLING		
SFS		Opponent
48	9	DeVilbiss
75	12	Stritch
36	15	Springfield
26	17	Oak Harbor
42	2	Central
32	26	St. John's
42	6	Ottawa Hills
2nd of 22		Swanton Tournament
1st of 28		Evergreen Tournament
2nd of 9		Cardinal Stritch Tournament
1st of 13		City League Tournament
Final Record: 73-2		

City Championship Winners	
Weight	Wrestler
98	Jim Saba (3rd)
112	Steve Sickmiller (2nd)
119	Jeff Long (1st)
126	Mike Snyder (3rd)
132	Marty Bihn (2nd)
138	Matt VanderPol (3rd)
145	Ken Bucher (2nd)
155	Matt Zoldowski (1st)
185	Jeff Szozda (3rd)
175	Steve Scherzer (1st)
1st	— 3
2nd	— 3
3rd	— 4



**JV WRESTLING** BOTTOM ROW: Frank Petersberger, Keith Funkhouser, Jeff Krochmalny, Jason Morano, Mark Mansoir, Jeff Valiton, Drew Eisenger, Matt Clymer, Mike Lease. TOP ROW: Jim Saba, Steve Sickmiller, Vince Dailey, Todd Pack, Matt Harman, Gregg Otto, Steve Scherzer, Jeff Szozda, Mike Lowe, Bob Healy, Jeff McLaughlin, Scott Miller, Brad Chester. Photo by Bob Hessler.



**JV TENNIS** BOTTOM ROW: John Monaghan, Andy Shawaker, Bill Stone, Norm Frankowski, Steve Zawisza, Eric Savage, Derek Shinaberry. TOP ROW: John Yeager, Jeff Valiton, Steve Donovan, Mike Abowd, Mike Rudnicki, Mike Huss, Matt Duty, Mike Leonardi, Mark Weimer, Dan Leroux. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## Given the RUN=AROUND

It was a tough job, but someone had to do it. It was frustrating, to say the least. It demanded that the select group practice daily, work to their fullest potential, but accept non-varsity status.

The JV track team accepted the challenge.

Despite the stereotypes non-varsity athletes carried, confidence was the key ingredient in their personal and team successes. Although the pressure wasn't as great as that which accompanied varsity competition, there was pressure nonetheless.

With high confidence levels and strenuous workouts behind them, the JV squad prepared for the JV City Championship. Originally set for May 19, then postponed to May 24, and cancelled again because of weather conditions, the JV City Championship was cancelled again, this time permanently.

In spite of the major disappointment, the JV squad looked at the positive side of things. They may not have received glory or recognition for their efforts, but they did have something that comes only with time. They had experience.

There would be a new season. There would be the chance to rededicate themselves to the rigors of an athletic program. There would be more opportunities for competition. □

— Pat Rybarczyk



# RAM Away with it All

## Pride.

Pride is that one quality every football program, regardless of its size, support, or financial backing, strives to develop in the endless journey toward total supremacy.

It was pride that new coaches Mr. Tom Ratchford and Mr. Tim Gerken emphasized to the JV football squad. "We stressed a team concept. We wanted members to play together as one team,

as one family," explained Head Coach Ratchford.

This family attitude was evident from the start. The team included a hard-hitting defense that played tough against bigger teams all season, a pair of explo-

sive backs in junior Mike Coleman and sophomore Chris Lopez, and an offensive line that did nothing but improve as a unit.

The 1986 season looked to be

the best ever. All great stories have greater ironies, though, and the JV team wasn't without theirs. They were a 3-3 team that willingly placed their pride and respect on the line when they stepped on to a muddled

CYO field to battle a dramatically larger Central Catholic team.

The odds were against the Knights. Central had both size and experience on their side. St. Francis was struggling to maintain a winning record.

### 1986 JV FOOTBALL

SFS	Opponent
7	41 Whitmer
14	0 Waite
7	0 Start
0	16 Rogers
26	0 Bowsher
8	2 Central Catholic
Forfeit	Cardinal Stritch
Forfeit	Libbey

Final Record: 6-2



**JUNIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS** BOTTOM ROW: Mike Coleman, Pierre Gosset, Russ Kahler, Greg Cutsinger, Steve Battig, Brad D'Arcangelo, Scott Bartko, Curtis Cotton. TOP ROW: Dave Winsted, Randy Wiczynski, Pat Skinner, Mark Shanahan, Harry Mouratidis, Eric Kertz, Steve Ujvagi, Dave Walrod, Paul Ketterman, Matt Polster, Kevin Merkle, Jeff Burtscher.



**SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL PLAYERS** BOTTOM ROW: Frank Petersberger, Jason Thomas, Jim Moore, Geoff Scott, Tony Hughes, Marty Michaelson, Jeff Obariski, Brad Chester. TOP ROW: Mike Collins, Matt Kurek, Dan Kenney, Jeff Valiton, Jim Gant, Chris Pratt, Todd Pack, Brad Waugh, Terry Lee, Jon Meyers.

The circumstances weren't the best either. The game was played in a downpour. Central brought several upperclassmen down from the varsity. They were looking to avenge the varsity's 31-15 thrashing just three days earlier.

The Knights rose to the occasion, though, as athletes performed at their personal best. The score was deadlocked for most of the contest. Fullback Mike Coleman took care of that, however, when he broke loose and raced 46 yards for a touchdown and an 8-2 victory.

It was the game of their season. "It was incredible," remembered junior Eric Kertz. "It was a hard fought victory. It was the highlight of the season."

Coach Gerken agreed. "The win was strictly inspirational," he said. "It topped the year off.

We went from extreme lows to beating Central, the biggest high of them all. The Central victory gave us a winning record [without counting the two forfeits]."

The victory was the perfect way to end the season.

A 6-3 final record.

Respect.

A victory over the Irish.

Pride. In themselves. In their coaches. In their team. In their school.

That's what JV football was all about. □

— Russ Kahler and Dave Bodner

## THE BREAKAWAY.

Turning the corner, sophomore Zeb Jackson (#32) picks up valuable yardage in the final minutes of the 7-0 victory over Start. The Knights won the contest as Steve Sadowski took the ball into the endzone on a quarterback sneak with no time remaining on the clock. Photo by Bill McFerron.



**SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL PLAYERS** BOTTOM ROW: Jeff Turski, John Sanders, Steve Sadowski, Zeb Jackson, Matt Connell, Art Holland, Marty Castro, Vince Dailey. TOP ROW: Tim Nicholson, Jeff Szozda, Scott Kamper, Matt Benedict, Rob Blanton, Steve Scherzer, Jason Wawrzyniak, Pat Moharter, Mike Hoefflin, Matt Clymer.



**JV SOCCER** BOTTOM ROW: Jason Mahaffey, Eric Erickson, Jason Rectenwald, Todd Tiell, Matt DeWitt, Drew Eisenger. TOP ROW: Craig Eastop, Dave Stark, Matt Riethof, Kevin Kerscher, Craig Koslowsky, Pete Schaal, Richard Semersky, Michael Miedler, Ted Garrett. Photos by Chris Fischer.





## Alive and KICKING

### "Go Knights Go."

It was a familiar varsity cheer, one that JV teams rarely heard, despite the fact players worked just as hard. All too often, a quick "good job" and a pat on the back was the only recognition JV players got for an outstanding game.

The JV soccer team started conditioning with the varsity in early August, and they soon realized they would have to work just to survive. There would be no walk-ons.

"We tried to keep up with the older athletes," said freshman Matt DeWitt. "We pushed ourselves so we could be as good as they were."

The team finished strong, beating St. John's in the final game of the season. If nothing else, they had accomplished what the varsity could not. □

— Tim Welch and Dave Bodner

1986 JV SOCCER	
Central Catholic	2-1
St. John's A	1-5
Whitmer	4-4
St. Ignatius	0-3
Findlay	0-7
Emmanuel Baptist	4-0
Northview	0-5
Maumee Valley	4-0
St. John's B	5-1
Final Record:	4-4-1



### JUST FOR KICKS.

With intense concentration, junior Todd Tiell fakes out his St. John's opponent as he brings the ball downfield. Todd started in the sweeper position. Photo by Bill McFerron.



# Good to the LAST DROP

They were young.  
They lacked experience.  
They were limited in their opportunity to expand.

They never allowed those limitations to restrict them, however, as they pushed themselves to their personal limits.

Some dreamed of a District cut. Others simply wanted to trim a second or two off their best time. Whatever their goals, how-

ever, they pushed themselves to their limit.

The JV squad was limited to 75 minute workouts. To compensate, they replaced quantity with quality. The restriction may have inadvertently lengthened the

time they needed to improve, but it had its positive side. "I liked it because I got home in time to do my homework and watch a little television," said freshman Chris

## JV SWIMMING

SFS	Opponent
41 109	Upper Arlington
60 126	St. Xavier
Final Record: 0-2	

## A CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.

Cocked and ready to release his fastball, junior Brian Burdasz adjusts his aim for teammate Eddie Wedding's catcher's mitt. Brian entered the JV City Championship game in the third inning, replacing starting pitcher Rob Hawk. With a 1.75 ERA and a 9-0 personal record, Brian held the Irish scoreless as the Knights came from behind to capture the city title, 4-3. Photo by Chris Fischer.

Taylor.

Maybe it was only getting their cut in the 50 free.

Maybe it was only clipping a second or two off their best time in the 100 fly.

Maybe it was both. And more.

The best had to start somewhere. □

— Kevin Noonan

# In a LEAGUE by Themselves

"It was the best thing in my new season — whole life," exclaimed junior Brian Burdasz.

"Sweet, just sweet," claimed sophomore Steve Sadowski.

It was the JV City Championship, and it belonged to the Knights.

The beginning of the season was no different from seasons past with the exception of one person — Jeff Mielcarek, the team's new coach. The JV squad was like most teams at the start of any

— they had high expectations. They wanted to win at least 20 games and, if at all possible, play in the City Championship game.

The experts write off most first year coaches as non-threats. They usually need time to grow familiar with the program and get their feet wet.

That was not the case with Coach Mielcarek. A product of the Knight system, he already possessed the stamina and

enthusiasm characteristic of St. Francis athletics. This spirit, combined with the team's talent and willingness to work, led the JV squad all the way to the City title game against Central Catholic.

The game lived up to its advance billing. The Knights were

down almost the entire game. In the bottom of the seventh, with the score tied at three apiece, Steve Sadowski hit a bullet just over the shortstop's head to bring Brian Burdasz in for the winning run. With one swing of the bat, they were City Champs. □

— Curt Koslovsky



JV SWIMMING TEAM BOTTOM ROW: Demetrius Nicodemus, Brian Noonan, Ian Taronji, Mark Weimer, Michael Abu-Absi. TOP ROW: Austin Klapp, Chris Taylor, Todd Long, Ramsey Abu-Absi, Jeremy Lindsay, Mike Sulayman, Keith Blanchard, Doug Kovacs. Photo by Bob Hessler.

## 1986 JV BASEBALL

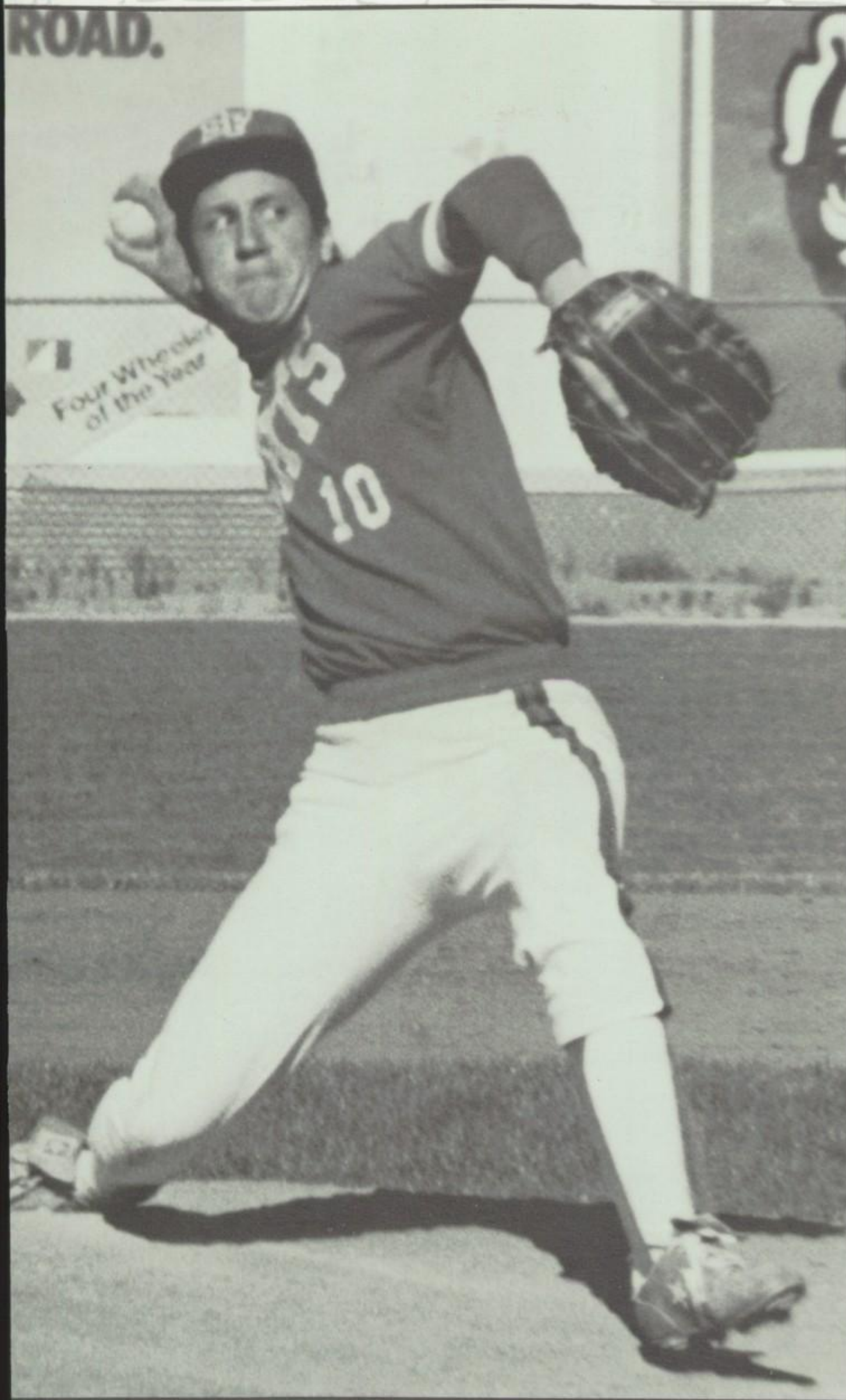
SFS	Opponent
3 3	Springfield
16 4	St. John's
30 4	Eastwood
11 10	Bowsher
22 3	Scott
14 9	Ottawa Hills
5 2	Rosford
18 13	Sylvania Northview
21 5	Cardinal Stritch
6 7	Clay
9 4	St. John's
7 8	Milan, Michigan
10 3	Milan, Michigan
7 6	Macomber
9 4	Bowsher
10 6	Defiance
4 5	Defiance
14 4	Northwood
4 3	DeVilbiss
11 6	Rogers
2 3	Start
8 4	Woodward
9 8	Waite
2 1	Central Catholic
4 3	Central Catholic (City Championship)
Final Record: 20-4-1	



JV BASEBALL TEAM BOTTOM ROW: Chris Pratt, John Ostrosky, Steve Bartalsky, Pierre Gosset, Brian Burdasz, Steve Sadowski, Randy Wiczynski, John Sanders. TOP ROW: Coach Tim Young, Rob Hawk, Andy Dembowski, Mike Molinari, Paul Farmer, Eric Antoszewski, Mike Snyder, Scott Aubry, Gary Hahn, Eddie Wedding, Coach Jeff Mielcarek. Photo by Mark Hanusz.



ROAD.



## Walking on WATER

With all the attention going to the varsity team's State Championship, the JV water polo squad slipped into the shadows of obscurity. Nevertheless, the young team, composed exclusively of freshmen and sophomores, gained respect for themselves in their own right.

The team lacked valuable playing experience, yet they pulled together and played as one. For freshmen and first year players, water polo was both a challenge and the opportunity to get involved in the school's athletic program.

Sophomore Brian Noonan, a first year player, remembered water polo "as a challenge because it was both new and physically demanding." Trying to live up to the school's impressive water polo tradition and learn new skills at the same time was no easy task for the newcomer.

The JV squad lived up to the swimming reputation the school holds and set in motion higher expectations for the years ahead. □

— Dave Bodner

### 1986 JV WATER POLO

Northview	8-1
Ann Arbor Huron	3-4
Findlay	10-0
Napoleon	5-5
Findlay	4-2
Napoleon	3-2
Pioneer	4-11
Final Record:	4-2-1



**JV WATER POLO TEAM** BOTTOM ROW: Mark Weimer, Richard Williams, Brian Noonan. TOP ROW: Tim Stover, Ian Taronji, Doug Kovacs. Photo by Bob Hessler.



# GRABBED

## What They Could

"States. I can definitely see it in the future," claimed Bill Fortuna, a 175-pound member of the freshman squad.

With goals like that, how could the frosh go wrong?

Their destiny was insignificant, however, in the discussion of their first season of high school competition. Mr. Jim Mello, freshman coach, was happy with the squad's performance. "It was a really strong group, with some outstanding athletes," he said. "Despite the slow start, we finished well. They were a determined bunch who worked hard."

And what a finish they had. They placed second at the Cardinal Stritch tournament, losing only to Bedford.

Since they outscored all City League teams at the event, they could claim a first place finish in the city. In addition, they finished fourth at both the Springfield and Bedford Invitational. They also posted a 4-1 dual

### 1986-87 FRESHMAN WRESTLING

SFS	Opponent
30 46	Findlay
66 0	Cardinal Stritch
53 18	Oak Harbor
33 31	Central Catholic
49 24	St. John's
12th of 12	Maumee Invitational
4th of 8	Springfield Invitational
6th of 8	Bedford Invitational
2nd of 9	Cardinal Stritch Invitational
Final Record: 17-22	

meet record.

John Schlaghter felt the credit lie with the coaching staff. "They allowed us to have fun when they worked us hard." □

— Marc Kessler

### FRESHMAN WRESTLING



BOTTOM ROW: Jonathon Batanian, Brett Miller, Bill Fortuna, Phil Dery, Rob Alford, Aaron Baker. TOP ROW: Chris Gibbons, Tony Hess, Josh Lanzinger, Chris Duger, PJ Clear, Norm Orzechowski, Bob Feldhaus, Greg Fox, Dennis Pool.



BOTTOM ROW: Steve Homringhaus, Bill Foley, Tim Wood, Aaron Baker, Tom Borden, Dennis Bryant. TOP ROW: Joe Ray, Eric Harmon, Brian Duck, Scott Clark, A.R. Morris, John Schlaghter, Mark Essex, Brian Keefe, Jon Pawlecki. Photos by Chris Fischer.



### THE GETAWAY.

Ball in hand, freshman Brian Burks (#22) sprints downfield after scooping up a Bowsher fumble. Brian, a defensive end, felt that "a well-executed offense and a strong defensive line" were the keys to the Knights' 23-0 victory over Bowsher. Photo by Eric Aschmeier.







# KEY to Success

It was one of the biggest changes they had ever experienced.

They came from different schools.

They had a wide variety of backgrounds.

They came together for one purpose.

They played as a team.

As a member of the freshman squad, the player found himself in as solid a program as any athlete

## 1986-87 FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

SFS	Opponent
40 27	Cardinal Stritch
43 31	Woodward
45 52	Rogers
50 47	Whitmer
52 42	Start
55 46	Central Catholic
39 29	Waite
69 54	Bowsher
59 50	Libbey
60 56	DeVilbiss
45 48	St. John's
23 51	Macomber
33 41	Scott

SFS	Opponent
56 26	Cardinal Stritch
52 37	St. John's

(Championship game)

Final Record: 11-4

could hope to find himself. They had the potential of playing for the only Toledo coach to ever win a State Championship.

They had the potential of being State Champions themselves.

Hard work brought them together and produced an 11-4 season. They exhibited the never-say-die attitude that characterized Knight basketball.

"At the end, after we lost our last regular season game, we came back to win the Catholic Tournament," said Brian Burks. "We never gave up." □



## FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

BOTTOM ROW: Brian Burks, Jason Heerden, Jason Logan, Jerome Gray, Doug Sosko, Scott Kulwicki. TOP ROW: Todd Grohnke, Randy Palicki, Eric Dettinger, Craig Eastop, Al Sprenger, Brent Casper, Rob Dvorak, Raymon Dixon. Photo by Bill McFerron.

# Getting the MAXIMUM Out of the Minimum

They weren't big, but they held their own ground. They relied on disciplined workouts and a hard-hitting defense. Their 5-2-1 record stood as irrefutable evidence of their potential.

## A POWERFUL BACK-UP.

With the ball securely tucked away, freshman Aaron Baker blasts through St. John's defense on a power right 32. The Knights shut out the Titans, 6-0, on their way to a 6-2 season record. Photo by Chris Carper.

Outside their parents, the team received little fan support. Those who did come to cheer, however, were treated to some awesome football.

Geoff Ligebe was one freshman who attended all home games. He was impressed, particularly dur-

## 1986 FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

SFS	Opponent
20 0	Libbey
6 12	Waite
19 0	Rogers
12 12	Cardinal Stritch
6 0	St. John's
23 0	Bowsher
16 12	Start
8 34	DeVilbiss

Final Record: 5-2-1

ing the St. John's contest. "We ruled the whole game," Geoff explained, "and did not let the Johnnies move the ball."

Head Coach Carl Janke found great pleasure in his team's performance. □

— Dave Bodner



## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

BOTTOM ROW: Greg Moore, Todd Coykendall, Norm Orzechowski, Aaron Baker, Robert Dvorak, Sean Vinson. TOP ROW: Dennis Pool, Ryan Snodgrass, William Weisenburger, Tony Hess, Jeff Landon, Bob Binion, Brian Keefe, Chris Taylor, Todd Camargo. Photos by Bob Hessler.



## FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

BOTTOM ROW: Jonathon Batanian, Jim Moriarty, Aaron Calkins, Brian Burks, Brent Casper, Jonathon Barrow, Brad Boardman. TOP ROW: Bill Fortuna, Chris Arnold, Kevin Newby, Craig Olsen, Tom Bordner, Bill Foley, Chris Granata, Arnold Hancock, Miguel Buckenmeyer, Eric Dettinger.



BOTTOM ROW: Tony Spinazze, Brett Miller, Elton Holland, David Babkiewicz, Bill Rawlins, Bob Feldhaus, Tim Wood, Jon Skiba, Joe Payette. TOP ROW: Jon Pawlecki, Chad Nusser, Eric Harmon, Joe Ray, Brian Duck, Tom Bauman, Marty Lavey, Jasin Hosler, P. Kleeberger, Chris Lautermilch, PJ Clear, Matt Townsend.



# A Tight SQUEEZE

They found themselves up against what appeared to be insurmountable odds. Rather than give up, though, they used that adversity to their advantage. They knew that no situation was too much to overcome.

**I**t seemed so simple. It was nothing more than two athletes trying to pin each other to a mat.

To a wrestler, it wasn't quite that simple. It was more than a test of strength. It was a battle that matched skill, wit, and endurance.

The varsity incorporated those qualities into the goals they set. They confronted their lack of experience with the leadership of senior captains Cal Kynard, Jay Lawniczak, and Gene Wiewiora. Coach Janke was convinced that the leadership those three displayed would play a significant role in the team's success.

Their goals were simple. They wanted to finish second

in the City Championship and send as many wrestlers to the state tournament as possible. Serious contenders included Kynard at 98 lbs. and Wiewiora at 167 lbs.

There was no middle ground in wrestling. There was victory and there was defeat. It was a personal match-up where the athlete put his reputation on the line every time he set himself in the starting circle.

Matches against bitter rivals usually called forth an individual's personal best.

"My hardest victory all year was when I beat Kevin Swanson of St. John's, 3-2," remembered senior Mark Harbaugh. "I was tired, but I sucked it up and went all out."

That extra push, that 100%

effort, was always the deciding factor in a close match. The discipline of an all-out effort prepared the athlete for the state tournament. It was a fight just to stay alive. One loss meant immediate elimination.

Every serious wrestler had a burning desire to be the best. The road to the top was far from easy, but the confident athlete knew it was his for the taking. Responsibility, discipline, excellent physical conditioning, a sense of individuality, and commitment were the prerequisites.

It was this strong sense of commitment that drove Gene Wiewiora to attend the University of Northern Iowa's wrestling camp for 28 days last summer.

"I learned how to work during daily practices," Gene said. "We went from six in the morning until 11 at night. The camp helped me realize that I could accomplish my goals. It gave me confidence in myself."

Coaches Janke and Elzey stressed endurance and stamina as a means to building confidence.

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## 1986-87 VARSITY WRESTLING

SFS	Opponent
46	15 DeVilbiss
43	21 Cardinal Stritch
22	34 Central Catholic
37	25 Tiffin Columbian
25	29 St. John's
5th of 16	Roger's Invitational
6th of 16	Tiffin Tournament
4th of 12	St. John's Tournament
10th of 25	Catholic Invitational
5th of 13	City League Tournament
Final Record: 55-27	

## 1986-87 VARSITY WRESTLING SQUAD

Bottom Row: Mark Harbaugh, Tom Turner, Josh Harman, Jay Waggoner, Dan Watson, Ray Hupp, Joe Weisenburger. Top Row: Andy Arquette, Jim Helminiak, Dan Smith, Gene Wiewiora, Steve Battig, Ed Alford, Matt Zoldowski, Mike Molinari, Fred Schafer, CJ Weisenburger.



Top Row: Cal Kynard, Terry Donnal, Dave Russell, Jay Lawniczak, Gary Pack, Henk van der Steen, Tom Boissy, Matt Polster, Mike Snyder, Marty Bihn, Mike Hosman, Scott Braatz, Ken Bucher, Matt VanderPol, Matt Casey, Jeff Long. Photo by Chris Fischer.





## First Class MALE

**S**ome people just can't get enough of a place like St. Francis. Mr. Paul Elzey was one of those people.

Wrestling coach and administrative assistant, Mr. Elzey began his life at St. Francis in 1961 as a freshman. A wrestler himself, he belonged to the State Championship team his senior year. He took home the heavyweight title.

Mr. Elzey assists Fr. Olszewski in school-alumni relations. □

— Dave Lyons



### UP IN ARMS.

With his opponent suspended in mid-air, senior Josh Harmon prepares to body-slam Jon Jacsetic of Cardinal Stritch in the 126 lb. match. Josh credited his 13-6 mauling of Jacsetic to "experience, intensity, strength, and superior training." Photo by Chris Fischer.

### ONE ON ONE.

Applying chin pressure to the shoulder of St. John's junior Tim Leister, junior Mike Molinari blocks an attempted roll out. Mike, a first year varsity wrestler, lost the 155 lb. match, 16-3. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### TIED IN KNOTS.

With the Knight bench's support behind him, junior Matt Vander-Pol works Springfield's Jasin Nachtrab into a reverse half. Matt

pinned his opponent and helped the Knights shoot down the Cardinals, 50-20. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## First Class MALE

**I**t takes a man's determination. It's not a boy's sport by any stretch of the imagination.

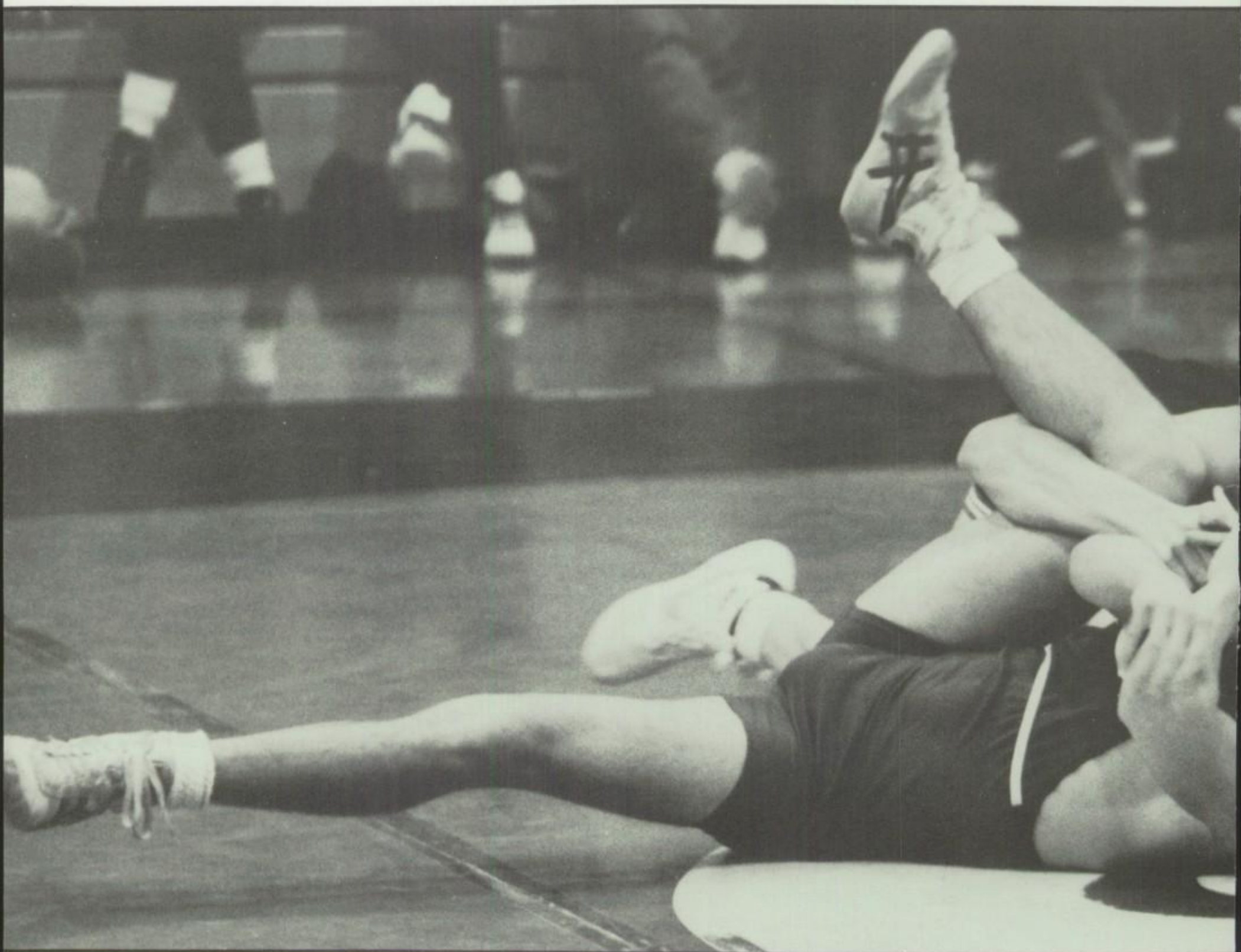
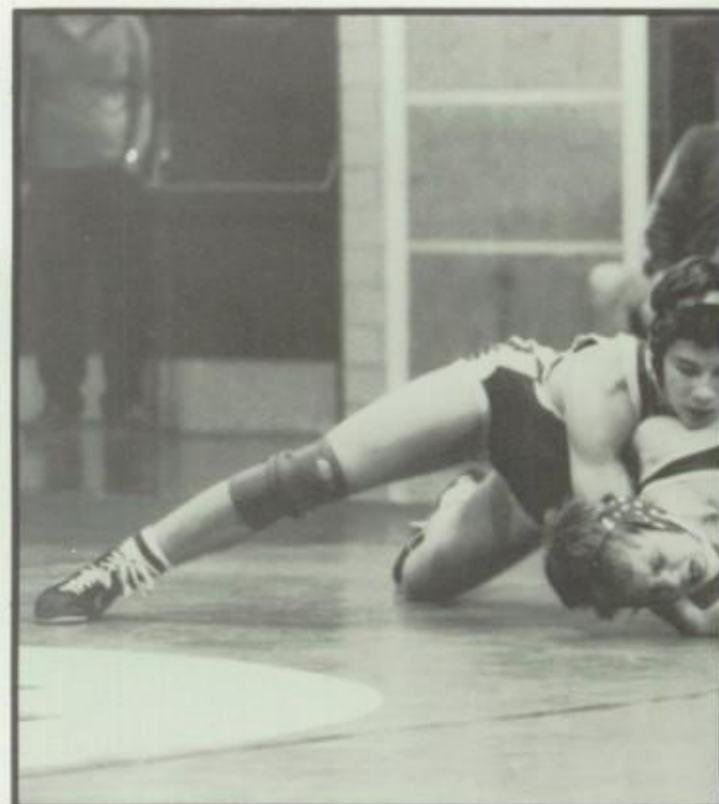
There were difficult obstacles to be hurdled, including four hour practices, mental fatigue, and weight reduction.

Although weight reduction may initially appear to be the easiest of the three, in reality it was the most difficult. A high

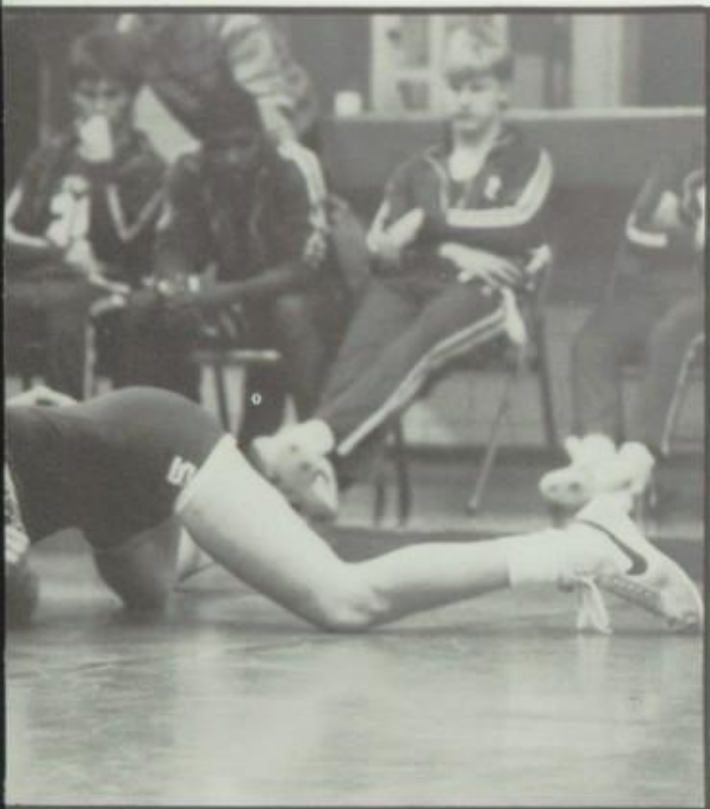
school boy is accustomed to eating everything in sight, and when he found himself on a 48-to-72-hour crash diet because he was five pounds overweight, it took every ounce of commitment to stay away from food.

The techniques varied. Most ran. A few literally starved themselves. □

— Tim Welch





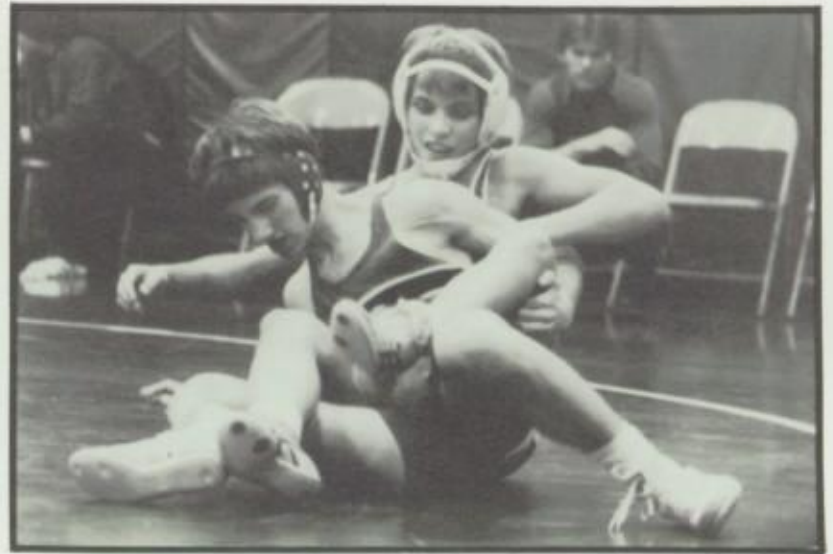


#### NEVER KID A KIDDER.

Up and out of his seat, Head Coach Carl Janke shouts at senior Mark Harbaugh to retake control of the match. Mark won his 132 lb. match, 3-2. The Knights lost to St. John's, 25-29. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### HEADS WILL ROLL.

Incorporating strategy learned in daily practices, junior Jeff Long struggles to execute the guillotine on Mike Pawelczak in the 119 lb. Cardinal Stitch match. Jeff pinned Pawelczak in the second period. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## Never BACKED

*Down*

They learned quickly that no victory came easy. They took advantage of opportunities and learned from their mistakes. They were a fiery group of athletes determined to win.

**R**e-season conditioning ensured the athlete was in peak shape for the season.

Ultimate responsibility rested with the individual athlete himself. Senior Jay Lawniczak, in excellent physical condition from playing varsity soccer, "got up at 6:30 AM every day to run two and a half miles. It helped me stay in shape and maintain endurance."

There was a mental side to the conditioning process that couldn't be overlooked. Out-psychoing an opponent and

playing mind games with him were as important as any physical strategy. Intimidation inevitably took its toll as the other wrestler succumbed to the pressure and made careless mistakes.

This attitude carried the wrestler through a four month season of physical exhaustion. The athlete's only real hope was to maintain the balanced intensity he developed from physical and psychological intimidation.

The team entered the City Championship prepared for what proved to be an intense battle. Their shocking fifth place finish dampened spirits, although junior Steve Ujvagi saw it more as an omen.

"Everyone was terribly disappointed. We should have taken second, but after Cities we worked harder to show what we could do at Districts and States." □

— Dave Bodner

#### A FISH OUT OF WATER.

Straining to break free of Cardinal Stitch's Mike Szymanski's grasp, senior Jay Lawniczak fights to get off his back. Jay lost the 138 lb. match, 13-1, because "he got me in a cradle and I just couldn't get out." The Knights demolished Stitch, 46-23. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### 1986 GOLF TEAMS

Bottom Row:  
Tim Wesson,  
Brian Flowers,  
Ken Quinn.

Top Row:  
Matt Wozniak,  
Mike Hood,

Joe Weisenburger.  
Photo by Chris Fischer.



## First Class MALE

On TV, it looks easy. They hit the green in two, maybe three shots, and they sink the putt with one gentle stroke.

If only it were that easy.

It takes an acquired skill to succeed at golf. For junior Devon Dewees, the battle to develop the skill began in third grade when he played a round of golf with a local pro that a mutual friend had introduced.

The game's initial appeal rested in its image. It looked easy to play. In less than an hour, though, Devon

met a difficult challenge he was ready to attack.

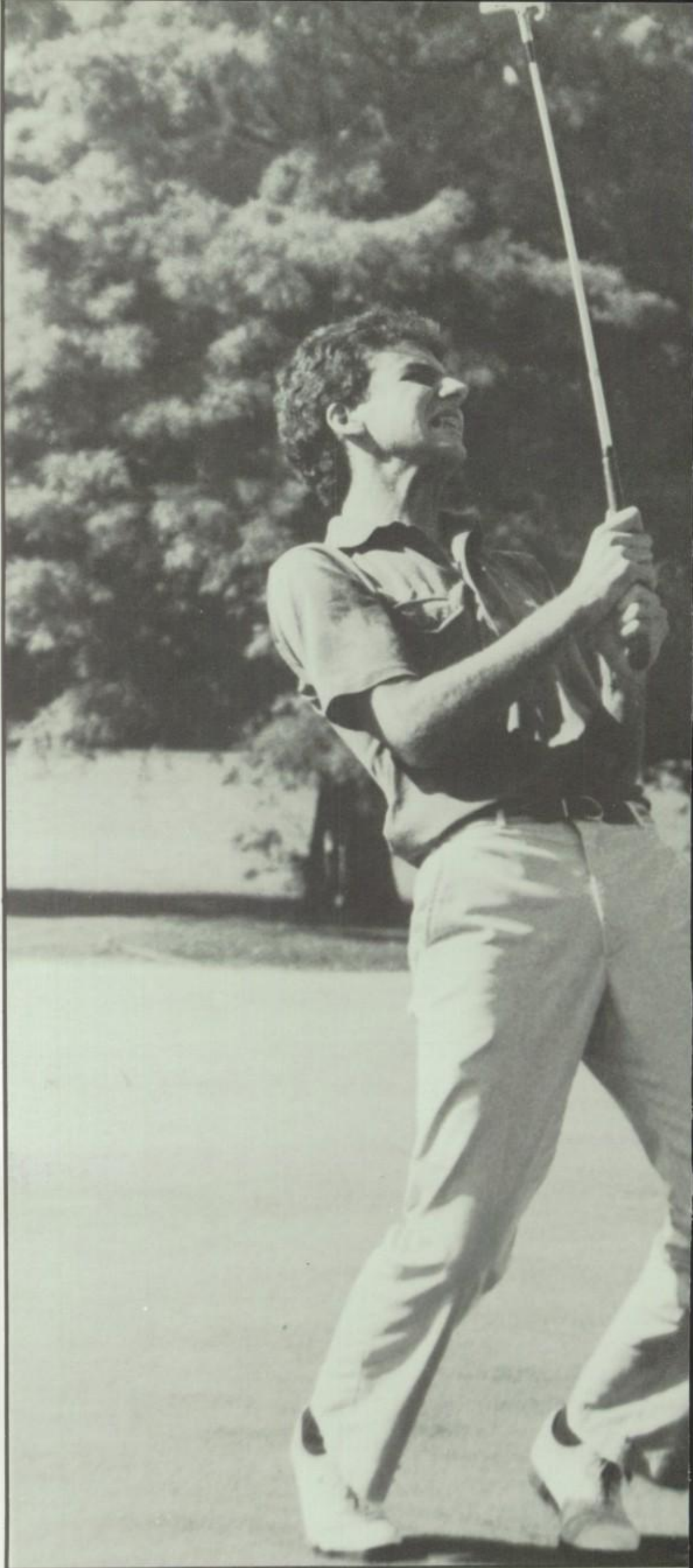
Golf is the cornerstone to Devon's athletic life. As a member of the varsity squad, he found himself having to concentrate "about playing a good individual round so the team could score low."

The PGA Tour at Inverness offered Devon the opportunity to caddy for a pro he met through his uncle. The experience convinced Devon of the discipline necessary to play good golf. □

— Kevin Noonan

#### FLY BY NIGHT.

Teeing off on Ottawa Park's first hole, senior Mike Hood watches his shot sail toward the fairway. Mike finished the nine hole course with a 39, five shots above his season-low of 34. St. Francis won the match against Start, 164-178, and Scott, 164-228. Photo by Bill McFerron.





# Felt the PRESSURE

Youth and inexperience seemed insurmountable. Yet, their persistence and never-say-die attitude kept them in the running. Their third place finish in the City League tournament was evidence of that.



I don't really know a lot about the game,

are. They were confident they could finish as one of the City League's top four teams and qualify for the District Tournament.

but that was not important. I was there to organize and motivate the team in difficult situations."

That he did. There was no debating that point. In his three years as Head Coach, Mr. Dave Comes has seen teams finish first once and third twice.

At season's start, everyone was optimistic. Most teams

## NO LUCK!

Grimacing over a missed putt, senior Tim Wesson throws his putter up in anguish. In spite of this distressing shot, Tim finished the front nine with a 39, the team's high score and good enough for the Knights to beat both Scott and Start. Photo by Chris Carper.

## 1986 VARSITY GOLF

SFS	Opponent
3rd of 6	Rebel Invitational
167 156	Southview
161 189	DeVilbiss
161 189	Waite
160 168	Whitmer
164 228	Scott
164 178	Start
166 153	Bowsher
166 165	Rogers
156 169	Cardinal Stritch
156 180	Central Catholic
8th of 13	Whitmer Invitational
162 152	St. John's
162 201	Libbey
162 246	Macomber
162 186	Woodward
3rd of 13	City Championship
7th of 20	District Championship
Final Record: 41-21	

el Invitational. Tim Wesson was low man of the day with a 39. Mike Hood and Brad Moores shot 40s, Brian Flowers shot a 43, and Randy Palicki shot a 48.

In the DeVilbiss/Waite match, DeWees brought home a 37, Moores a 40, Wesson and Flowers 42s, and Hood and Palicki 44s.

Senior Tim Wesson remembered the feeling well. "After we beat Whitmer by eight strokes at the beginning of the season," he said, "I was pretty sure we would be in the top four in the Cities."

The season opened with the Reb-

In the all-important Whitmer match Wesson referred to, Moores finished the front nine with a low score of 37. Wesson and DeWees came in with 40s while Ken Quinn and Joe Weisenberger had 43s.

Against Scott and Start, Moores shot a 39, Wesson and DeWees 41s, Flowers and Weisenberger 43s, Hood a 46, and Quinn a 49.

In the Bowsher/Rogers meet, Wesson shot a 37. The threesome of DeWees, Flowers, and Moores brought home 43s and Hood and Palicki earned 44s.

Against St. John's and Libbey, Hood took over the team leadership with a low score of 39. Wesson and DeWees shot 40s, Quinn a 42, Flowers a 43, and Moores a 47.

Against Woodward and Macomber, Wesson regained

## IT'S IN THERE.

Following through on his second hole putt, junior Brad Moores watches his ball strike the center of the cup as senior Tim Wesson moves in for his shot. Moores, a first year member of the varsity squad, was named to the Honorable Mention All-City team while Wesson was honored with a spot on the Second Team All-City roster. Photo by Chris Fischer.

the number one spot with a 37. DeWees shot a 40, Quinn a 42, Moores and Weisenberger 43s, and Palicki a 46.

At the Whitmer Invitational, Wesson brought home an 18-hole total of 75.

Conditions were extremely poor at Detwiler, the site of the City Tournament. The weather was cold and windy. The rough was four inches thick. Not even pros like to find themselves in this situation, particularly in tournament action.

There was no doubt about it. The Knights were dealt a bad hand of cards. They stayed with their instincts, though, and managed to pull out a full house. They finished third at Detwiler.

District action proved tougher, however. When the dust settled, they found themselves in seventh place in a field of 20 teams from Northwest Ohio.

A 10-4 league record and a 41-21 season finish was nothing to shake a stick at. The team had talent, confidence, and a coach, regardless of his knowledge of the game's finer points, that could motivate. □

— Curt Koslovsky



## A CONCENTRATED EFFORT.

Sizing up his putt in a City League match against Start and Scott, junior Ken Quinn studies the lie of Ottawa Park's fifth green. Ken finished the September 17 match with a 49. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



# SERVICE WITH A SMILE.

The ball safely over the net, graduate Norm Frankowski follows through on a power-packed serve. Norm annihilated his Bowsher opponent, 6-2, 6-0. Photo by Chris Fischer.



## 1986 VARSITY TENNIS TEAM

Bottom Row:  
Robert Winsor,  
Steve Rudnicki,  
Beau Barrow.

Top Row:  
Matt Hawley,  
John Kidd,  
Terry Brown.  
Photo by Chris Fischer.



# A Balanced ATTACK

The strength of experience made them one of the City League's top competitors. Their thirteen team shutouts was evidence of that. Like all great athletes, they came at their opponents from all sides.



hey sported a new number one player. They boasted four additions to the regular squad. They upheld a tradition through it all. The tennis squad entered its schedule looking to reaffirm the confidence that annually carried them through and proved them one of Toledo's top teams.

Four years ago, St. Francis finished the season with a 15-3 record and a second place

ranking in the City League. The Knights had met arch-rival St. John's in all five City League final matches and lost them all. Three years ago they went 18-5, winning one of five matches from the Titans in the City tournament. It was the same story two years ago. They had a 28-5 record, but were second behind St. John's.

Robert Winsor stepped into the role of number one singles and didn't look back. Time after time, he won at his position. The ultimate culmination of his play was an upset victory over highly touted Trent Paul of Bowsher in the City League Championships en route to a second place finish. Meanwhile, at number 2 singles, junior Rob Bixler returned as a veteran of the youth movement. Senior Terry Brown stepped into the regular varsity line-up as the number three singles player. Throughout the course of the regular season, senior Dave Weeks spent his time at number one doubles. In post-season State competition, however, he teamed with Rob Winsor to surge to a berth in Districts at Sandusky. The duo played together to bolster their chances of success. The final three positions consisted of the final three newcomers, all from different arenas. Senior Steve Rudnicki, as a product of the JV system, paired with Weeks at number one doubles. The number two doubles tandem reached the team by

totally different routes. Graduate John Kidd transferred from Clay for his final year of tennis. Sophomore Beau Barrow, however, filled his position fresh out of junior high. Indeed, the varsity tennis team had a unique squad. Nevertheless, once again they proved themselves with a second place showing in the City League.

New. They sported new looks, new players, and new attitudes. New, but not brand new. Head Coach Tom Bingle assembled a squad to meet the demands of tradition. The results. Nothing new.□

— Norm Frankowski

## POWER AGAINST POWER.

Dominating yet another opponent with his powerful serve, senior John Monaghan sends the ball sailing across the net in a doubles match with DeVilbiss. John doubled with junior Andy Shawaker to thrash the Tigers, 6-2, 6-0. John saw action on both the varsity and JV teams, finishing the season with a perfect 12-0 record and the JV Doubles City Championship with partner Bill Stone. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## 1986 VARSITY TENNIS

SFS	Opponent
5 0	DeVilbiss
0 5	St. John's
5 0	Maumee Valley
5 0	Start
5 0	Whitmer
5 0	Libbey
5 0	Rogers
5 0	Central Catholic
5 0	Maumee
5 0	Cardinal Stritch
3 2	Findlay
4 1	Bowsher
5 0	Waite
5 0	Woodward
5 0	Macomber
5 0	Scott
3 2	Northview
2 3	Southview
1 4	Ottawa Hills
11 5	City
10 4	Championship District
	Championship
Final Record: 37-12	





*First Class*  
**MALE**

**W**hat one play or one match stands out most vividly from last season?

"The match point against Start. I won the point and celebrated with my Boris Becker dance."

— Bill Stone '87

"The JV City final against St. John's. I won a set, turned to the crowd and raised my fist to pump them up."

— Terry Brown '87



**RETURN TO SENDER.**

Leaning into his forehand, senior Bill Stone prepares to return a cross court volley to his Bowsher opponents. Bill doubled with classmate John Yeager to drill Bowsher, 6-0, 6-1. Bill ended the season with a 25-1 personal record. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### CATCHING UP.

Eyes glued on the ball, junior Charlie Raymond (#16) and sophomore Claud Meyers close in on their Anthony Wayne opponent, senior center halfback Brian Lutton (#11). Despite the experience a team of 15 returning offered, the Knights lost, 6-3. The squad finished the season with a 5-8-4 record. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### DOWN YOU GO!

Set and ready to clear the ball out of his end of the field, senior Curt Koslovsky (#14 dark) puts an end to 'Tim Leads' (#14 light) offensive threat. The Knights lost the September 23 game to Anthony Wayne, 3-6. Photo by Chris Fischer.



### Don't Give a Boy a *Man's Job*

**T**o be the best, you have to compete with the best.

In 1986, the varsity soccer team did just that by playing four Ohio and Michigan powerhouses.

By playing the top teams, the soccer squad was exposed to different styles and

strategies of the game.

"Even though our record didn't show it," said Head Coach John DeWitt, "we came out ahead."

Sophomore Jeff Miller agreed. "Playing a highly ranked team helped us learn to play better soccer." □

— Dave Bodner





# Held Their Heads High

The game was as crucial as they come. They were determined to win.

**W**hat would you call a dream team? How about 13 returning varsity lettermen and seven returning seniors. That was the situation the soccer team found itself in, in August. They had lost only two seniors to graduation. Under first year Head Coach John DeWitt, they were looking forward to an excellent season.

The team began lifting weights in March. They were determined to be prepared for the season. When summer came, they ran and played informal pick-up games.

The team was psyched. They had a seasoned team of veterans, a new head coach, and the experience of unusually early conditioning.

They were in desperate

## HEADS UP.

With every ounce of available energy, senior Dave Bodner (#7) matches his skill with St. John's goalie Ken Theiler on a scoring drive. Dave moved to the striker position this season after two years of varsity experience as a halfback. The Knights opened their season against the Titans on August 28, losing a defensive battle, 0-3. Photo by Chris Fischer.

need of the psychological edge all these afforded because the first game of the season was against arch-rival St. John's. In every soccer player's heart, from freshman to senior, was the burning desire to beat St. John's. The Titans were always one of the best teams in the area. The Knights had *never* beaten them. The game was traditionally scheduled at the end of the season. Not this year, though. For the first time, the St. John's game, a pivotal point in the season, came at the beginning.

During the summer, the players' energy was directed toward one goal. Every lap run, every shot taken, and every goal saved was for St. John's. The team wanted the victory. They wanted it bad. The determination to win kept the players going when exhaustion and frustration tempted them to give up.

August 31, the day of the first game, approached quickly. The team was prepared. They had won all four of their summer scrimmages. Expectations ran high.

It was a home game, played at Rogers High School. It was an important game. Any game

against St. John's was important.

The team needed fan support. They talked it up. They wanted to make sure every possible body that could offer encouragement was on the sidelines. Their efforts paid off as over 100 spectators made an appearance. It was the biggest crowd in four years.

The first half was a tightly fought defensive battle. The Titans lead, 1-0, but the team remained confident. The lone goal had been scored in the closing minutes of the first half and was more a function of a momentary lapse in defense than an outstanding offensive drive.

The team was satisfied with its performance. If they continued playing strong defense and mounted an offensive threat of their own, they could win.

The second half began much as the first had. Five minutes into the period, St. John's scored again, making the score 2-0. St. Francis players became concerned. They were playing a decent game, but two goals was a tough deficit to overcome.

Play proceeded.

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1986 VARSITY SOCCER TEAM Bottom Row: Mark Maidlow, Dave Bodner, Dave DeWitt, Dave Eisenger, Eric Letke, Todd Maxson. Top Row: Andy Shawaker, Claud Meyers, Pat McCarthy, Tim Welch, Mike Lease, Dan Weisenburger, Curt Koslovsky, Charlie Raymond, Jeff Miller. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## 1986 VARSITY SOCCER

SFS	Opponent
0 3	St. John's
2 3	Sylvania Southview
8 1	Toledo Christian
2 0	Springfield
2 2	Southfield, MI
2 1	Sylvania Northview
0 3	St. Ignatius
1 1	Whitmer
0 5	Westerville South
0 4	Findlay
3 6	Anthony Wayne
3 0	Southfield Christian
2 0	Eastwood
2 2	Ottawa Hills
1 3	Maumee Valley
2 2	Central Catholic
0 2	Sylvania Northview

Final Record: 5-8-4



#### NOT THIS TIME.

Thwarting yet another Northview offensive maneuver, senior Tim Welch defends the Knights' backfield from Northview wing Kurt Ellenburger (#4). Tim, a three year letterman, shared full-back duties with junior Mark Maidlow and senior Jay Lawniczak. The Knights beat the Yellow Jackets, 2-1. Photo by Brandon Yanez.

#### A HARD KNOCK.

Outmaneuvering his Titan opponent, junior Charlie Raymond (#16) passes over St. John's captain Mark Delverne (#4). St. Francis played tight defense against the Titans in the season opener, falling behind 0-1 with just one minute left in the first half. The score demoralized the team and the Titans came back with another goal in the first five minutes of the second half. Their defense proved too solid and the game ended 0-3. Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### FANCY FOOTWORK.

Shielding the ball from his opponent, sophomore Mike Lease (#2) dribbles down the sideline. Successful in his attempt to prevent Dave Zihn from intercepting the ball, Mike passed off to teammate Dave DeWitt. The Knights lost, 0-3. Photo by Chris Fischer.





# Caught in the Middle

Their four regular season ties left the Knights stuck in the middle of the pack. They had dreamed of at least a second place finish. They were forced to accept fourth place instead.

**T**hen the bottom fell out. All of their pre-season hopes and expectations came to an end. Exhausted from the constant pressure, the defense weakened. The game ended, 3-0.

The defeat had a drastic effect on team morale. "The loss crushed our spirits, and the Southview game [the team's next contest] didn't seem to matter," remembered senior

## AN ALL-OUT EFFORT.

Determined to score another goal, senior Dave Bodner hurdles Toledo Christian goalkeeper Kevin Page and center fullback Dave Lackney. Dave contributed three goals toward the Knights' only blowout of the season, an 8-1 victory. Photo by Chris Fischer.

Doug Shears.

Although the loss was disappointing, that one game did not make the season. There were other significant games, including Findlay, Anthony Wayne, and Ottawa Hills.

A positive attitude resurfaced in the following weeks. Refusing to ignore their past mistakes, the players became a stronger team as they suffered through some of the most difficult practices in their memory. Coach DeWitt ran them ragged, determined that his team would never again lose to exhaustion.

Players became team-oriented, willing to make personal sacrifices for the benefit of the group. They saw a light at the end of the tunnel.

Outright victories over Toledo Christian and Springfield convinced them that their determination and drive had paid off. Success was short-lived, however, as players fell into personal slumps.

There was no doubt that the team was suffering. Senior Tim Welch found that all the "shots hitting posts, cheap fouls, and utter frustration" destroyed the team's confidence.

It was the most important and demanding part of the schedule, yet the Knights were no longer playing as a team. Their one victory in the next seven games was evidence of that.

The optimistic attitude was gone. The Knights finished

the regular season with disappointing draws against Ottawa Hills and Central Catholic. In tournament play, the Knights were abruptly eliminated with a heartbreaking loss to Sylvania Northview, a team they had previously beaten, 2-1.

They had gone into the season with 13 returning varsity lettermen. They had a core of seven seasoned seniors. They had everything in the world to look forward to.

They ended it all, 5-8-4. Their luck had turned sour. For Coach John DeWitt, it was a disappointing time as he wondered outloud, "Which of you guys broke the mirror?" □

— Dave Bodner and Pat McCarthy



## Don't Give a Boy a Man's Job

**I**t's a team sport in which the players must continually interact with one another if they expect to win. It's a sport where the individual, no matter how good he is, is worthless if he does not cooperate with those with whom he plays.

In 1986, the ideal soccer player was captain Dave DeWitt. "He

never quit," said junior Charlie Raymond. "Even when we were losing, he kept going."

Junior Andy Shawaker agreed. "Dave knew how to get the team up for the game."

That was the key. He got the team up. He was a team player. □

— Dave Bodner



Don't Give a Boy Man's Job

## Clip, Clip, and Away

### STEP BY STEP.

Any successful vault requires concentration, good form, the maximum use of upper body strength, and what junior Mark Gaertner calls "being a little crazy." Mark's approach, kick, inversion, and momentum were all perfect as he finished fourth in the City Championship with a vault of 10'6". Photos by Mark Hanusz.



## One Foot on the Ground

They took the Catholic Quad trophy with greater ease than anyone expected. They had the talent to stay a step ahead of their competition.

**T**he goals were set high. The team knew they could achieve most. The really important ones, though, were those few that challenged them to extend themselves beyond any point they had yet achieved.

The season started impressively enough. New Head Coach Rob Erb refreshed the already strong squad with bold leadership. Working with middle distance runners for two previous years, Mr. Erb was well qualified to lead the squad. Senior Dave Aman agreed. "We had confidence in him and his workouts. He was easy to relate to. The entire team had a tremendous amount of respect for Coach Erb."

From day one, Coach Erb informed his runners of his high, but realistic, goals. He expected to win the Catholic Quads, and, on April 4, succeeded in doing so. The Knights swept by St. John's, Central, and Cardinal Stritch.

Goal two was to dominate in Cities. The team was determined. The drive was evidenced in several individual accomplishments. John Shaffer placed third in both the shot put and discus, Brad Wotring led the pack in the 1600 and 3200 meter events, and Paul Harmon finished second in the 800 meter race.

Over the course of the three month season, six school records were shattered, an accomplishment far above any of Coach Erb's original expectations.

The season was a success. The team entered it fully aware that the accomplishments they achieved were in direct proportion to the effort they exerted. Junior Mark Gaertner agreed. "We came into the season with a positive attitude, an attitude that helped us succeed."

And succeed they did. □

— Pat Rybarczyk and Mark Thrun

### UP AND OVER.

With a look of determination etched on his face, senior Terry Colling clears the eighth hurdle in the 110 meter high hurdles race. Although he felt his performance wasn't as smooth or as fast as it should have been, he still finished first in this preliminary heat with a time of 16.1 seconds, .6 seconds ahead of St. John's graduate Marcus Rogers. Terry went on to win the championship heat, beating his own time by .1 second. Photo by Chris Fischer.





#### IT'S ALL OVER.

Running to another first place victory, senior Dave Aman crosses the finish line in the 800 meter race in a time of 2:04. Dave's victories in the 3200 meter, 1600 meter, and 800 meter races helped the Knights capture first place in the Catholic Quad. Photos by Chris Fischer.

#### A CLEAN EXCHANGE.

Stretched to his limit, senior Terry Colling completes a successful baton transfer with teammate Doug Stelnicki. The clean exchange helped the four man team of Colling, Stelnicki, Climmie Johnson, and Damon Williams finish third behind Central and St. John's in the 4 X 100 relay.



1986 TRACK TEAMS Bottom Row: Mike Lease, Dan Harrington, Darrell Hawley, Chris Andrews, Anthony Williams. Second Row: Climmie Johnson, Jim Brancheau, Eric Kertz, Steve Battig, Tom Hosler, Todd Kalaquin, Errick Christian, Steve Ramasocky, John Fritz, John Hobbs. Top Row: Maurice Henderson, Tom Hertzfeld, Damon Williams, Pat Rybarczyk, Dave Aman, Craig Bickle, John Hudson, Jim Gercak, Bill Sanner, Terry Colling, Claud Meyers, Bob Masters, Mark Gaertner, Steve Scherzer, Matt Connell, Jim Gotheir. Photo by Chris Fischer.



1986 TRACK TEAMS Bottom Row: Craig Snyder, Bryan Paraham, Paul Ketterman, Rick Kaser, Greg Cutsinger, Joe Menden, Mark Wenrick, Jay Heininger. Top Row: Tommie Woods, Mark Shanahan, Joe Schuller, Kevin Branyan, Matt Kurek, Scott Kamper, Keith Neidemeier, Tom Simon, Terry Donnal, Andy Tokar, Todd Pack, Jeff Szozda, Matt Moffitt, Pat Moharter. Photo by Chris Fischer.

#### 1986 VARSITY TRACK

SFS	Opponent
75 74	St. John's
75 31	Waite
3rd of 7	Whitmer Gold W
79 70	Rogers
79 17	Central Catholic
87 50	Scott
87 38	Start
3rd of 8	Ram Relays
3rd of 8	Mad Anthony
	Wayne Relays
1st of 4	Catholic Quad
4th of 13	City
69 90	Rogers
69 88	DeVilbiss
69 73	Scott
69 58	St. John's
69 37	Libbey
69 21	Start
69 17	Woodward
69 16	Waite
69 14	Macomber
69 10	Central Catholic
69 3	Bowsher
69 0	Cardinal Stritch
2nd of 20	Regional
57 86	Rogers
57 56	DeVilbiss
57 54	Libbey
57 46	Defiance
57 46	Scott
57 32	St. John's
57 25	Whitmer
57 23	Southview
57 12	Northview
57 10	Central Catholic
57 10	Start
57 9	Bowsher
57 9	Maumee
57 6	Anthony Wayne
57 6	Woodward
57 4	Perrysburg
57 3	Springfield
57 1	Waite
57 0	Clay

Final Record: 50-10



# First in the Long Run

Entering the City Championship with a winner-take-all attitude, the Knights knew they had the potential to outclass all their competition. They responded by placing five runners in the top six.

**A**s a group of runners, family and friends, they sat on a cluster of picnic tables at Hedges-Boyer Park in Tiffin, Ohio. The points of the Ohio Region Two Championship were tallied. The team didn't look hopeful. They had been warned by Coach Mark Lewis that, according to his unofficial calculations, they had not qualified for the state meet.

He had been right. They finished fifth, four points behind four teams that would all place in the top ten at the State Championship seven days later.

Of all the season's meets, the majority of players will remember the final one most vividly. Coach Gary Bryan put

it in perspective, however, when he suggested that "even though people tend to look back on the disappointing end of a season, we can't ignore the good points, too."

There were plenty of good points, too. The team didn't lose to another City League squad. They finished the season 131-21. They nearly swept the City Championship.

The season began in June when the running club met to prepare for the cross country season. The team had the experience to succeed. Five lettermen were returning. However, the realization they had lost their top two runners opened the door to doubts.

The season began with the Celina Invitational, a meet the Knights traditionally dominated. This year was not

any different as the team coasted to an easy victory. They looked forward to a regular season of three invitationals and five City League meets.

Six weeks later, they should have entered the City Championship confident. Doubt continued to gnaw at them, however. They had just suffered a crushing defeat at the Malone College Invitational and they needed time to regroup.

They took the bull by the horns and talked. They discussed the past and the future. They prepared themselves mentally.

The coaches were afraid the strategy hadn't worked, though. It appeared to be just small talk. Coach Lewis knew action had to be taken *now*.

He resorted to standing outside of classrooms, staring his runners down. He forbade team members to wear shirts which hailed the victories of the past season. He posted a sign in the cafeteria that read, "SP says, 'Go Big or Don't Bother.'"

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## ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS TWO.

Proud of his second place finish, senior Mark Wenrick informs the crowd of his personal conviction of the Knights' status. Mark led his team in the City Championship with a time of 17:06. As a team, St. Francis dominated, finishing second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth. The team philosophy of running as a unit was never more clear than in this race as the top five runners finished within seven seconds of one another. Photo by Chris Fischer.

### 1986 VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

SFS	Opponent
1st of 9	Celina Invitational
15 59	Macomber
15 67	DeVilbiss
15 NT	Libbey
1st of 21	Perrysburg Invitational
19 52	Central Catholic
19 69	Macomber
19 NT	Libbey
19 NT	Scott
6th of 22	Tiffin Cross Country Meet
15 58	Start
15 71	Woodward

15 NT	Scott
1st of 17	Clay Eagle Invitational
15 60	Rogers
15 70	Bowsher
15 NT	DeVilbiss
15 NT	Scott
12 of 29	Malone College Invitational
21 36	St. John's
21 NT	Cardinal Stritch
1st of 13	City Championship
2nd of 18	District Championship
5th of 15	Regional Championship
Final Record: 131-21	



1986 CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS Bottom Row: Mark Schlagheck, Dave Aman, Matt Hawley, Bob Masters, Dan Harrington, Tom Hertzfeld, Chip Tokar, Craig Bickle. Top Row: Gregg Otto, Kevin Branyan, Scott Aubry, Jason Malczewski, Eric Savage, Jay Heininger, Walt Ralph, Mike Peterman, Pat Rybarczyk, Dave Polek, Dennis Kaczmierczak, Doug Patterson. Photo by Chris Fischer.





#### IN THE CHUTE.

Feeling the effects of the race, senior Bob Masters, junior Dan Harrington, and senior Craig Bickle cross the finish line in the City Championship. The three finished fourth, fifth, and sixth, respectively. Bob loved the competition. "The race was a joke," he said. "We killed *everyone*." Photo by Chris Fischer.



#### THE START OF SOMETHING GREAT.

Blasting out of their starting positions, senior Mark Wenrick, sophomores Craig Snyder and Doug Patterson, and senior Bob Masters take an early lead in the November 1 City Championship. Craig explained that the start was important for its psychological advantage. "Runners are most worried," he explained, "about breaking out into a good position at the start of the race." That fear was unfounded in Cities, though. The Knights started and finished well, capturing second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, sixteenth, and eighteenth out of a field of 81. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



#### Don't Give a Boy a *Man's Job*

**D**edication is vital for the success of any high school sport.

Cross country is no exception.

August 1 saw the most serious training begin as the team started two-a-days.

"Getting up at 6 AM and being tired the

rest of the day was a real drawback," explained sophomore Doug Patterson. "Yet, personal sacrifices were needed if the team was to succeed. Two-a-days definitely gave us the competitive edge." □

— Dave Bodner



#### A HEALING TOUCH.

Accepting his father's expression of affection, sophomore Doug Patterson gestures to a friend his appreciation of the support involved in attending the Saturday evening race. Despite his 18th place finish in a field of 81 runners, Doug was dissatisfied with his performance because he had run in the top five among the team all season, only to find himself seventh man in the City Championship. That disappointment was partially healed with the knowledge of his father's pride. Photo by Brandon Yanez.



#### THE HOME STRETCH.

Challenged by his teammate's determination to run his best time of the young season, senior Craig Bickle picks up the pace in the September 9 City League meet. The two runners pushed each other for the last mile and a half of the race. When Patterson overtook Bickle at the 2.1 mile mark, Craig turned the burners on, finishing the tri-meet in third place with a time of 17:14, two seconds ahead of Patterson. The Knights won the meet, beating Central Catholic, 19-52, and Macomber, 19-69. Photo by Bill McFerron.







## Don't Give a Boy a Man's Job

In the past five years, an athletic tradition has developed that can no longer be ignored. That tradition centers around the consistent success of the cross country program.

Since 1982, the varsity squad has compiled a 620-89 record.

That's a .856 winning percentage. City Championships in 1982, 1985, and 1986 and a third place finish in the 1985 State competition cemented the Knights' claim on Toledo's cross country dynasty.

Individual runners come and go. The one constant in it all is Head

Coach Mark Lewis.

"The key to the team's consistency," Mr. Lewis explained, "is summer running."

Motivation is another factor. "The tradition itself and the letters from cross country alumni help get the team up for a big meet," Lewis said. □

— Dave Bodner

# Masters of the Course

They dominated the City. They finished second at Regionals. They got respect the old fashioned way. They earned it.

**T**he psyche job worked to perfection. The team set a blistering pace, demolishing second place St. John's by 43 points. Even more impressive were the runner's personal place finishes. For the first time ever, all seven runners were named to the All-City squad. First Team All-City honors went to Mark Wenrick, Craig Snyder, Bob Masters, Dan Harrington, and Craig Bickle. Darrell Hawley and Doug Patterson cleaned

### NECK TO NECK.

On an all-out push on the middle loop of the Ottawa Park course, senior Bob Masters jockeyed with St. John's senior Jeff Ward for the lead in the City Championship. Bob started the race hard and set a pace that Ward was able to hang on to. When Bob made his final push, Ward stayed with and eventually overtook an exhausted Masters in the last 500 yards. Masters finished the race in fourth place, 22 seconds behind Ward's time of 16:50. Despite Ward's first place finish, the Knights won, 20-63, on the strength of second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishes. Photo by Chris Fischer.

up when they were named to the Second Team All-City squad. The Knights had finished second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, sixteenth, and eighteenth. They had dominated.

The team went into the Northwest Ohio District Championship determined to qualify for Regionals. Few of the experts doubted their chances, but they were uncomfortable. They were running head to head against Sylvania Southview, a team that had beaten them at the Malone College Invitational. When the dust cleared, an improved Southview team had edged out the Knights. St. Francis had finished second. They had made it to Regionals.

Senior Mark Wenrick, a three year varsity letterman, remembered "this year as the toughest year to just stay on the varsity team." In order to maintain varsity status, the runner had to place among the team's top seven at the previous meet. That prevented any race from being a blow-

off. Each one meant something.

The season was one of both mental and physical challenges. The physical aspect was addressed in the months before the season began, and in practices, when the mileage was racked up. The mental conditioning was tackled all season as coaches spent hours helping players adjust their attitudes to allow the body to do its best.

The week after the season had ended, Coach Lewis coined a phrase among runners who continued to pound the pavement. "Coulda, shoulda, woulda."

The Knights could have gone all the way. A State Championship was not impossible. They should have at least qualified for the Regional Championship. And who knows what they would have done with just a little more talent or just a little extra drive.

But then they wouldn't have been the same team, would they? □

— Craig Bickle



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Oh, to be young again.

The pressure of making grades was non-existent. Girls were nothing more than yucky playmates to be tolerated when your best buddy was sick with a tummy ache. A nickel was a lot of money and a dollar made you rich. Cookie Monster smiles made all the boogie men hiding under your bed go away.

Oh, to be young again.



BOYS WILL BE BOYS attempted to capture all that in the cover and end-sheet pictorial essay. The idea, conceived in late-July and developed in mid-August, became reality Saturday, September 6. An exhaustive search among senior athletes who owned letter sweaters turned up two guys with 3-year-old brothers.

Those two 17-year-olds, Dave Kozar and Tim Welch, and their brothers, Michael and Todd, met Photo Editors Chris Fischer and Bill McFerron and adviser John McCartney at 11 AM for a half-hour photo/play session at Ottawa Park.

It was a classic encounter. The little kids ran wild. It was the day at the park with their big brothers they had been promised all week.

The excitement of the moment prevailed. "Pretty soon I'll be 13 and then there's no more numbers," explained Todd. "Then I'll be as big as Tim."

Todd, who likes to play basketball and football, "but only in the winter," looks forward to warmer weather. "I like to catch those little things that fly around and light up [lightening bugs]." He enjoys ganging up on Tim with his 9-year-old brother, Terrence, and chasing his family members around the living room with his radio-controlled Ferrari. When everyone goes to school, crayons and storybooks consume most of his time.

Oh, to be young again.

It is possible. Just turn off the TV. Put down the newspaper. Forget about impressing that new girl.

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Oh, to be young again. □

— Mark Thrun

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 When we started, none of us knew how to make a book, but we  
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"We experienced friendships that gave us a sense of  
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It's obvious why we did it. We wanted to produce a book totally different from anything you'd ever seen. We wanted to be creative. We wanted to please you.

How did we pull it off? Good question. Sometimes we're not even sure ourselves.

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— Scot Mullane and Mark Thrun

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It's hard. What do you say when your best friend has just died? And worse yet, when it was so sudden and traumatic?

I just don't know how to deal with it. Do I want to talk it out or do I just push it to the back of my mind? In reality, I don't really want to do either.

I feel awkward. I don't really feel sorrow or grief. To tell the truth, I don't really know how to feel.

I have it stuck somewhere in the back of my mind that Jim is still really here. It's just that he doesn't come to school anymore. It's like he has chicken pox or something and can't come to school.

I feel, as I guess everyone does, that I could have done something about it. I also feel I should do something for the fam-

ily. I really don't want to lose touch with them.

It will be hard for them to get through this, but slowly and surely I suppose they will, just as I assume I will be able to get through it.

Don't get me wrong. I do miss Jim. It's just that I have a hard time expressing my feelings. But I also think that just maybe I don't really know how I feel. I don't feel as if the death has really hit me yet.

I'm not sure if it will ever hit me, although somewhere down the road I'm sure the aftershock will.

This is really a hard thing to cope with. I think I, as well as everyone else, will get through it eventually. It's just going to take a lot of time.

— Tim Pearsall



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# IN TOUCH WITH THE WORLD

**G**ood times.  
Was that all the little boy was after?

The party Saturday night.

The late-summer Rally by the River.

Rummage Sale sport coats.

The statue of St. Francis enjoying a stick of Juicy Fruit.

Trips to New York to debate chemical use in agriculture.

Mud-drenched football games.

A blowout of a victory in the Cross Country City Championship.

The powerful dominance of a water polo team that captured a state title.

Good times.

It was fun being grown up. The secret in making the successful transition, though, was recognizing that it was just that — a transition. We could never again be that same little boy, so young and innocent, and we still weren't that adult, ready to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders.

Good times.

They were more than good times. They were the best of times. They may have been slightly more complicated than an evening of Hide-and-Seek, but the results were still the same.

Good times.

They were the worst of times. They required balancing studies with activities and squeezing sleep between a part-time job and an occasional night out with the boys.

He certainly didn't realize it at the time, but his wealth of childhood experiences became the foundation of the mature young man that struggled with the curves life threw him. The pain and despair that overwhelmed him at the loss of a classmate gave way a day later to the exuberance he felt as the athletic wing's dedication marked the school's entrance into a new era of athletic excellence.







## A True Gentleman.

Thanking his niece for her congratulations, graduate Waleed Mansour kisses Yasmeen Shouser's hand. The respectful tenderness of a *gentleman* made its way through the tough, macho exteriors boys projected. Photo by Chris Fischer.

## First Steps.

Carefully taking one step at a time, each of us learned to pace ourselves in responding to the demands life presented. From playing that first Little League ball game to applying for that first job, we learned the value of patience. The difference between patience and haphazardness was one of those non-tangibles that separated the boys from the men. Photo by Joe Hall.





# WHERE GENTLE STRENGTH TRIUMPHS

**G**iven the freedom to be all he wanted, he tried a little bit of everything. In the long run, though, he became convinced that being a real man meant dropping all those macho defenses and touching people with his heart. Lifting and conditioning were necessary if he wanted the body of a man, but all relationships that ever meant anything required the gentle strength of vulnerability.

## A Fond Farewell.

As a chapter of his life draws to a close, Joe Cooper shares his accomplishment with girlfriend Shella O'Donnell after the June 7 commencement ceremonies. Graduation was just one of the many tasks life presented. The successful completion of each of those tasks made the boy more of a man. Photo by Chris Fischer.







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# A REAL MAN

**W**e all know that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, something the Oblates will not tolerate. So we used to do things like paint the bridge until the strong arm of the University of Toledo put a stop to that.

Down but definitely not out, the little horned monster began to look for a new outlet. Remembering that it couldn't be something that would mar the reputation, he first chose to make his best effort at defying the dress code by growing his hair long or wearing an earring. He slid by with as little homework as possible and taunted St. John's male cheerleaders. He even tried paint splattering and grass burning.

He met resistance, but he also knew it was impossible to please all the people all the time. He did what he did, knowing that, in the long run, the powers-to-be would accept the bad with the good.

When you combine mom's darling little angel with the horned monster, you find yourself with the embodiment of a St. Francis Knight.

It is the amalgamation of these two little boys that has allowed St. Francis to become the Christian community it is. Regardless of the activity, the Knights always come out on top. It's as true for the varsity sports as it is for the academic program, community service projects, and the school's publications.

All of this is built on the foundation of those two little boys in every Knight, young and old.

After all, it's the boy that makes the man.

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## Not Just Another Tough Guy.

Secure in a well-grounded foundation, Michael Kozar and his senior brother, Dave, share their pride in a job well done. Good relationships involve accepting the bad with the good. For Dave, the toughest part of being Michael's big brother was "having to stay home and watch him on the weekends."

The pleasure of "having fun and just messing around" far outweighed any of the inconvenience, though. "I loved playing ball and all the new video games with Mike," Dave said, "especially Donkey Kong on Coleco-Vision. It was also neat to see him get all excited about *The Cosby Show* and commercials. He loved commercials."

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